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AUSTRIA REMAINS IN DEMOCRATIC CAMP IN ELECTION

Eden Runs Into Criticism From Right Wingers

New Chief Of Staff Named For Russian Armed Forces

By Eddy Gilmore

MOSCOW, (AP)—Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, who led Russian forces which captured Berlin in the Second World War, has been made chief of staff of the armed forces of the Soviet Union, succeeding Gen. Sergei Shtemenko.

This was disclosed Saturday when Sokolovsky sent out invitations—bearing his new rank—for the annual celebration next Monday of the anniversary of the Soviet Army.

Sokolovsky, who has had a long and brilliant career in the Russian Army, has been first deputy minister of the armed forces since March 30, 1949.

Appointed In 1948

Shtemenko became chief of staff Nov. 13, 1948, when he replaced Marshall Alexander Vasilevsky, the present minister of war.

Shtemenko was one of five top Soviet military figures who, the government charged last month, were marked for death by nine Moscow doctors, some of them Jews. The doctors were accused of killing two Soviet leaders, Andrei Zhdanov and Alexander Scherbakov, and plotting the deaths of the others by prescribing wrong treatments.

This dispatch did not say whether ill health might have been a factor in Shtemenko's replacement by Sokolovsky.

Sokolovsky is a full member of the central committee of the Communist party and was a candidate for a seat on the Moscow City Soviet in elections held today. Shtemenko is an alternate member of the central committee which was chosen at the party's congress last October.

Prominent During War

Sokolovsky, 56, rose high in Soviet military councils in the Second World War. He was promoted to

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Death Sunday In New York Of Mr. H. G. Jenkins

The many friends of Mr. Harry G. Jenkins will deeply regret his sudden passing in the French Hospital, New York City early Sunday morning. Although not in good health for some time his death was unexpected and came as a great shock to his family and friends. His wife, Leah Mullen Jenkins predeceased him almost two years ago.

Mr. Jenkins was an overseas veteran, having served in France in the First World War.

After demobilization he and Mrs. Jenkins entered the business world, importing knitted ladies wear from Switzerland and for some time had their headquarters in Paris. Since Mrs. Jenkins death he had been carrying on the business alone in New York.

Mr. Jenkins was the son of the late Dr. Stephen Rice Jenkins and Mrs. Jenkins of Charlottetown. He leaves to mourn two brothers, Dr. Jack Jenkins of Charlottetown, and Charles Jenkins of Devon, England and six sisters, Mrs.. Ivan Reddin and Miss Helen Jenkins of Calgary, Mrs. Linn Farish of Woodland, California, Miss Hilda Jenkins of Complon, Quebec, Mrs. Edward O'Brien of Ottawa and Mrs. Fred Taylor of Bunbury.

FEWER ACCIDENTS

WINNIPEG, (CP) — An active safety campaign was credited with reducing time-lost accidents in the Manitoba Power Commission to 56 in 1952, compared with 128 in 1949. Number of days lost through accidents dropped from 3,034 to 1,460 in that period.

Annoyed By Agreement Over Sudan

LONDON, (Reuters) — Foreign Secretary Eden's chances of succeeding Winston Churchill as prime minister ran into withering fire Saturday from the Conservatve party's extreme right wing.

The weekly newspaper Recorder, voice of ultra-Conservative big business, said party back-benchers in Parliament are "horrified at the way he is following the Socialists in throwng away the Empre."

Earlier this week, Tory backbenchers and Lord Beaverbrook's Empire-minded newspapers expressed dismay over the agreement Eden reached with Egypt for granting Sudanese independence.

Before the Sudan agreement was announced last week, Eden held a delicate private session with party rank-and-filers to allay their fears of a "crumbling" empire.

Beaverbrook's Daily Express charged Britain had "scuttled" from a sacred trust and said if Eden could not stand up to Egyptian Premier Mohamed Naguib, he should make way for someone who could.

Chinese Resume Germ Warfare Propaganda

TOKYO, (AP) — The Chinese Communist radio resumed its major germ war propaganda offensive against the United States Sunday with claims that two captured Marine officers "confessed" taking part in the campaign.

Both the U. S. state department and the United Nations command previously have branded the Red germ charges as false.

The new Communist blasts appeared to be timed to coincide with the opening of the United Nations general assembly sessions in New York.

The Reds ignored Gen. Mark Clark's renewed offer to exchange sick and wounded prisoners of war, transmitted Sunday by liaison officers to the Panmunjom truce conference site.

Clark repeated earlier UN offers to exchange ailing prisoners pending final settlement of the stalemated prisoner-of-war issue—chief stumbling block to an armistice.

Lord Halifax Is Recovering

COLOMBO, Ceylon, (AP)—Lord Halifax, 71, is recovering in a Colombo nursing home from an attack of bronchial pneumonia. Doctors said he is making "good progress."

Halifax became ill on board ship while en route with Lady Halifax to Colombo for a two-week holiday.

Gale And Heavy Rains Cause Damage At Digby

DIGBY, N. S., (CP) — Heavy rains and gale-force winds struck this Bay of Fundy town and district for the third successive weekend, blocking roads and disrupting electrical and telephone service.

The huge naval basic training base at Cornwallis was without lights for several hours Saturday and telephone service to the area also was out for a time.

The Bay of Fundy ferry Princess Helene was two hours late leaving for Saint John, N. B., her first attempt ending in failure when the winds held her to the pier.

Country roads, some of them still under repair for damage during the last two week-ends, suffered still further loss.

One route, being used as a detour for main highway traffic, was rendered impassable. For a time tractors were used to haul automobiles through but after a time even this failed.

Budget Debate Begins In Commons Tuesday

OTTAWA, (CP) — Opposition groups in the Commons this week will say what they think about Finance Minister Abbott's 1953-54 budget.

Debate on the budget will start Tuesday, with J. M. Macdonnell, chief financial critic for the Progressive Conservative party, expressing the stand of the official opposition.

M. J. Coldwell, CCF leader, and Solon Low, Social Credit leader, will follow. The way then will be clear for backbench members of all parties to join in the discussion.

In his budget speech Thursday, Mr. Abbott announced tax reductions amounting to $243,000,000, including the cut resulting from the March 31 removal of the $2.50 annual licence fee on radio sets.

Speaking briefly after Mr. Abbott had presented his budget, Mr. Macdonnell gave some indication of the line the official opposition will take in criticizing the tax proposals.

The tax reduction, said Mr. Macdonnell, could have been greater if it were not for the "waste and extravagance that prevails" in government operations.

He described the budget as typical for an election year. It is a pity, he said, that "tax reductions are timed having regard to the extravagance that prevails" in government operations; and "to the interest of the government and the party in power."

Election Speculation

Following Mr. Abbott's speech, speculation was that an election will come next August or October. A spring election appears out because of the session and the forthcoming coronation of the Queen.

Mr. Macdonnell is expected to follow the traditional practice of moving a motion of non-confidence in the government.

The budget contained things that went at least part way to meet some of the demands of the opposition groups.

The Progressive Conservative party has urged for years that the annual licence fee on radios be abolished. Mr. Abbott announced it will be repealed March 31.

The CCF has urged removal of the four-per-cent floor on the amount of medical expenses that can be deducted for income tax purposes. Mr. Abbott met the demand part way, reducing the floor to three per cent.

The Social Credit party has joined others in urging personal income and corporation tax reductions to encourage production. Mr. Abbott cut income taxes $87,000,000 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1954; corporations by $120,000,000 a year.

Individual members from tobacco-growing communities have urged that the cigaret tax be reduced. Mr. Abbott cut it by four cents on a pack of 20.

Few Cigarets Obtainable At Reduced Price

(By The Canadian Press)

Smokers across Canada are shopping for the cheaper cigarets announced for them in Thursday's budget but unobtainable in some shops.

Many tobacconists, in provinces where there is no provincial tax, sold them at the new price of 35 cents for 20, absorbing the loss themselves. Others, burdened with heavier stocks and with no prospects of buying smokes at the cheaper price, continued to charge 39 cents.

Would Close First

Some Toronto tobacconists said they would prefer to close for a week rather than lose customers by charging the higher price.

At the manufacturing level, the picture was just as confused. Manufacturers were told they will receive a rebate for their stocks of excise stamps used to seal cigaret packages but will not receive a rebate on stamps already affixed to packages.

Cigaret manufacturers said they cannot sell at the new price until present warehouse stocks are exhausted.

E. C. Wood, president of Imperial Tobacco Co., said his firm has already paid the duty on large stocks and would lose "a couple of million dollars" if the price were cut. Company officials said they will wait for the cabinet meeting Monday before taking steps to reduce prices.

One Firm Cuts Price

But one firm, Rock City Tobacco Co. Ltd., in Quebec City, said Friday it had reduced its price to jobbers four cents a package, effective immediately.

J. C. Farr, president of the Toronto Retail Tobacconists Association, blamed Finance Minister Abbott for the mix-up.

"If Mr. Abbott had used a little

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Both Reds And Neo-Nazis Suffer Defeat

VIENNA, (CP) — Austria—hemmed on three sides by Communism—remained in the democratic camp Monday after a parliamentary election in which both the Reds and neo-Nazis suffered defeats.

The voters elected a new 165-member parliament which will determine the complexion of the government for the next four years.

With the Conservative Catholic People's party winning 74 seats and the centre Socialists taking 73, leaders of the two groups predicted that the coalition government which has run Austria since 1945 will stay in another four years.

Lose Seats

The extreme right-wing neo-Nazi League of Independents took a trouncing, losing two of the 16 seats they held. The Communists dropped one of their five places.

The Socialists gained many votes from the Independents and also picked up some from their coalition partner. The Socialists jumped from 67 seats to 73. The People's party dropped one.

However, the People's party will remain the dominant partner in the coalition.

Unoffical Results

Unofficial results from the country's 25 election districts gave these totals with the results of the 1949 election given in brackets:

People's party 1,782,024 (1,846,653, 74 (75) seats.

Socialists 1,818,705 (1,623,542, 73 (67) seats.

Independents 473,041 (489,283) 14 (16) seats.

Communists 228,196, (213,066) 4 (5) seats.

According to Austrian law, chancellor Leopold Figl, will formally resign later Monday.

As government leader of the people's party he probably will be asked by Socialist President Theodor Koerner to form a new government. It is expected he will remain as chancellor and ask the Socialist party to rejoin him in the coalition.

About 80 per cent of the 4,500,000 eligible voters went to the polls to choose a 165-man assembly in the third election since the war in this country which lies astride the Iron Curtain.

The assembly elected Sunday will determine the nature of the government for the next four years and will represent all zones of Austria occupied by the troops for the Big Four, including the Russian Zone.

In pre-election forecasts, Western diplomats had indicated little likelihood of a change in the Parliament and cabinet which had run this country since the war.

Value Of Field Crops

OTTAWA, (CP) — Government statisticians estimate the gross value of Canada's principal 1952 field crops at $2,121,000,000 and say the value likely will climb to an all-time high by the time final payments are completed at the end of the crop year next July 31.

This latest estimate, made Saturday by the Bureau of Statistics, is based on average prices received by farmers during the August, 1952-January, 1953 period of the current crop year.

Summerside Resident Is Critically Injured In Accident

—Leonard "Snip" Kelly, aged about 25, who moved from Kensington to Summerside about one week ago, was seriously injured last evening about 6:30 p.m. in an automobile accident on Water Street West in Summerside when the car in which he was riding came in contact with a telephone pole.

He was taken by ambulance to the Prince County Hospital where Dr. W. E. Callaghan, the attending physician, described his condition as dangerous.

Kelly's injuries are said to include a fracture of the skull, two large lacerations of the head, compound fracture of the right arm and shock.

The accident occured when the car, a 1937 Dodge coupe, travelling east on Water Street West, apparently left the road and snapped off a sturdy telephone pole.

The right door of the coupe car was torn off, and the right side of the car was badly damaged from impact with the telephone pole.

Kelly was found on the ground a few feet from the car, but another man, presumably the driver, was observed to have climbed out of the wrecked car and hastily leave the scene of the accident.

Summerside police investigated the accident and later arrested a Summerside man, who is believed to have been connected with the incident.

Kelly is reported to have been employed at R.C.A.F. station, Summerside. He is married and has a three-year-old son.

Former Resident Of Charlottetown Dies In Halifax

Word was received here last night of the death in Halifax of Mr. Joseph D. Kennedy, 78, following a long illness. A native of Charlottetown where he was long known as a tailor and furrier, Mr. Kennedy went to Halifax to live on his retirement. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Kennedy and his father was known to countless Island people of another generation as the longtime caretaker of the Provincial Building.

Sgt. Major Donald Kennedy, veteran of the Boar War and the First World War, and three other brothers, Alfred, Duncan and John predeceased Mr. Kennedy. Surviving are his wife, the former Ida Riggs, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Riggs, two sons, Douglas, Shawinigan Falls, Que., and Sydney of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Halifax, and one daughter, Marjorie, Mrs. Mellish Lane, Halifax.

The body will arrive in this city tomorrow evening and will rest at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home from where funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock with interment in People's Cemetery.

CHANGING TREND

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., (CP) — A horsemeat shop here was forced to close after its customers gradually dwindled. The proprietor said his business had started to suffer when other meats began to get cheaper in the last few months.

5-Year-Old Girl Carries Baby Sister To Safety

TORONTO, (CP) — Joan Clement, 5, carried her 10-month-old sister, Diane, through smoke to safety Saturday when fire destroyed their suburban Richmond Hill home while her mother was visiting neighbors.

Joan picked up her sleeping baby sister and dashed to safety. Her two brothers, Douglas, 6, and Kenneth, 3, also escaped.

Mrs. Winnifred Clement, 32, had to be restrained by neighbors from entering the burning one-storey frame home to get a purse containing $70.

Truman Well Into Writing Of Memoirs

KANSAS CITY, (AP) — Former president Harry S. Truman is well into the writing of his memoirs and has sold the rights to Life magazine for an undisclosed sum.

He announced his decision Saturday ending speculation over how he would market his version of the years he spent in the White House.

But they will not be published for two years.

At a press conference, his first formal one since he returned to Missouri from Washington last month, Truman explained that by 1954 he will be able to speak more fully on subjects pertaining to the role his administration played in world affairs.

He declined to say how much he would receive for his works, which he said will be published in one or two volumes.

Asked if he was going to do the writing himself, the former president answered:

"Of course. They are more than half finished now."

Truman answered several other questions on which there had been rumors and reports.

He said he and Mrs. Truman and their daughter, Margaret, will go on a cruise to Hawaii next month. As for reports he would become a radio-television commentator next fall, he answered: "I've never heard of it."

Tax Cut Unlikely In British Budget Observers Believe

LONDON, (AP) — R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer now preparing his second budget for the House of Commons, may have to forego his ambition to slash taxes two straight years.

His first tax-trimming budget in 1952 ran the government kitty badly into debt, with an assist from rising costs.

Deficit Likely

With less than six weeks to go before the fiscal year ends Easter Sunday, the budget deficit now is mire than £300,000,000.

And there is little prospect of reducing it in the remaining weeks, because revenue is tailing off and the government still has many year-end bills to pay.

This setback poses a critical problem for the Conservative Government of Prime Minister Churchill. It could retreat—tacitly admitting the tax cuts of 1952 were a mistake and budget for a larger revenue in the coming year.

That decision would rule out any tax cuts—apart from minor adjustments—when Butler presents his new budget.

Or Butler could take a big step away from the economic theories which have ruled Whitehall since the Second World War.

In that event he might continue with the declared Conservative policy of cutting taxes, despite the budget deficit.

Conservative Policy

The present situation arose this way: the Conservatives took office with six main planks to their economic platform—to reduce governments expenditure; boost exports; trim the tax burden; plug the drain of gold-dollar reserves; get freer competition; and slash government controls.

On the last two they have had success; on the first two they made no progress.

Coming Events

**"Social Evening", George MacKay, Clinton, February 27th.

**Seeds! Send for Free Catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York.

**Our store will be closed Wednesday, Feb. 25 for stock taking. Waddell Bros., Crapaud.

**Come to show in Fredericton Hall Tuesday, February 24th, 8.00 P.M.

**Unloading car No. 4 wheat, Saturday and Monday. $3.25 per cwt. Bring bags. E. J. McDougall, Vernon.

**Crokinole Party, Pownal Hall, Tuesday, February 24th. Auspices Young People's Union..

**A special school meeting will be held in Fredericton School on February 25th, at 7.30.

**French River concert in New London hall, Tuesday, Feb. 24th. If not fine, following night. In aid of New London W. I.

**Intermediate C playoff, North River Monday, February 23rd, Dunstaffnage, Mt. Stewart Bombers vs. Sandy's Ramblers at 7:30. Covehead Flyers vs. York Rangers at 9:00.

**Victoria Rink tonight, semi-finals, Tryon Arrows vs. Victoria Unions. Tuesday night, Kelly's Cross Red Wings vs. Green Road Meteors. Wednesday night semi-finals, New Haven Royals vs. Crapaud Heartbreakers. Thursday night, school hockey, Cape Traverse vs. Tryon Sisters. Friday night, return match, Breadalbane vs. Crapaud Heartbreakers. Saturday night, semi-finals, Tryon Arrows vs. Victoria Unions.

Report Red Police Shoot Down Refugees In Berlin

BERLIN, (AP)—Communist police Saturday night killed a man and wounded a woman fleeing across the border into the American sector of West Berlin. At the same time the Red Gestapo was reported making hundreds of arrests in the Soviet zone.

The shooting was the third such incident in two days.

West Berlin police said an East Berlin couple, trying to escape to the West with two truckloads of their possessions, ignored warnings to halt and dashed across the Schilling bridge into the American Sector late Saturday night.

The Russian Sector police fired several shots, killing a friend of the couple who had undertaken to drive one of the trucks, and wounding the woman. The truck with the slain driver crashed into a newsstand but rolled on into the American Sector. The couple also reached the American Sector and the woman was taken to hospital.

East sector police fired on three refugee cars which crashed into the border barriers at two points Friday but did not hurt anybody. The four persons in the cars asked for political asylum.

Another 1,300 refugees poured into West Berlin Saturday.

Squads of Red police were reported by West Berlin quarters to be particularly active this weekend against big farmers and property owners. They were said to have made hundreds of arrests along the Baltic coast in raids directed against owners of hotels and guest houses who have resisted government seizure of their property as vacation spots for favored Communist labor unions.

BERLIN, (CP) — Some 1,300 refugees from East Germany applied for asylum in West Berlin Saturday, bringing the number registered since Feb. 1 to 25,990. The February total already has surpassed the previous record figure of 25,000 refugee arrivals in January.

Britain, U.S. Must Decide Soon On China Policy

By Tom Ochiltree

LONDON, (AP) — Britain and the United States are approaching a time of decision on their differences over China.

This is clear from the remarks of diplomats, parliamentary debates and the nervous tone exhibited by the British press on the subject.

On the surface, at least, this would appear to be the ideal time for London and Washington to tackle the problem with a new approach. Foreign Secretary Eden is due to visit the new administration in Washington soon.

A widening of the gulf between British and American thinking on China could have a damaging effect on the West's stand against the spread of Communism in Asia.

Basically, the problem stems from diplomatic recognition. The U. S. recognizes Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government on Formosa. Britain recognizes the Chinese Communist regime in Peiping. This divergence has been a source of confusion between Britain and the U. S. for some time.

British pride is involved. If Prime Minister Churchill's Conservative government moves now to switch the China policy it inherited from Labor, it will be apparent that American pressure was in a measure responsible. Labor members would howl.

Diplomatic reporters and parliamentary correspondents have hinted that an American guarantee for the safety of Hong Kong and admission of Britain into the Pacific pact of the United States, Australia and New Zealand might tip the scale.

Vice-President Of C.I.O. Dies

WILKES-BARRIE, Pa., (AP) — Organized labor lost its third leader in three months when Allan Haywood, executive vice-president of the Congress of Industrial Organization, collapsed and died Saturday night.

Haywood, bitter foe of Communism who compared joining a union with joining a church, died of a heart attack while addressing a union meeting here. He collapsed on the speakers platform. Firemen attempted to revive him but he died without regaining consciousness.

The death of the 64-year-old Haywood, who was hailed in some labor circles as "Mr. C.I.O." follows those of Phil Murray, C.I.O. president, and William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, last November.

Haywood, who rose from a coal mining pit in England to the C.I.O.'s second-ranking job, recently lost a bitter fight for the presidency of the vast union.

Exchequer Court Rules No Damages For Internment

OTTAWA, (CP)— The exchequer Court of Canada, in a precedent-making judgment, has virtually shut the door on scores of damage suits against the government for alleged illegal wartime internment.

Mr. Justice J. T. Thorson, court president, ruled that the Crown is not responsible for a wrongful act committed by its officers and servants in the course of their duty, except where negligence or carelessness is proven.

The judgment was handed down Saturday in the case of Michael Magda, Romanian-born merchant seaman, who in his claim for a petition of right against the crown, told a tale of capture, suffering and imprisonment because he refused to serve aboard an Allied ship.

He asked the court for the right to sue the government for $150,000 for seven years of alleged illegal imprisonment and internment in Canada. For six months of that time, he said, he lived on only bread and water.

Magda, who said he was imprisoned and interned in Halifax, Fredericton and Hull, Que., claimed $85,000 for loss of liberty, injuries and suffering; $10,000 for moral suffering; $30,600 for monetary loss because of imprisonment; $6,550 for monetary loss since imprisonment; and $25,000 for future monetary loss because of physical and mental weakness.

In giving his ruling, the court president made no assumption as to whether, for the purpose of the law, Magda's allegations were true or the acts against him wrong. All he could say was that if such acts were committed they were not acts of negligence.

Magda, in his petition, told of serving on a neutral Spanish ship in 1940 when a British naval vessel took possession of the vessel. He and other seamen aboard the Spanish ship were taken to Gibraltar and later to Jamaica.

Finally they landed in Halifax. Magda asked for liberation and repatriation. The British captain released them to Canadian immigration authorities who allegedly placed them under guard, and confscated their personal documents.

Magda said he had been told he could obtain his freedom if he showed willingness to serve on an Allied ship, but he refused. Romania then was under the rule of the enemy. He would have been killed as a traitor if captured, he said, and there would have been reprisals against his family in Romania.

TORONTO, (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	5	9
Victoria	38	47
Edmonton	26	39
Calgary	35	35
Regina	10	32
Winnipeg	13	31
Toronto	18	26
Ottawa	19	24
Montreal	23	25
Saint John	30	33
Moncton	30	32
Halifax	36	38
Charlottetown	32	33
Sydney	36	36
Yarmouth	35	42
St. John's, Nfld.	37	40

HALIFAX, (CP) — The Weather Office said Sunday that a disturbance west of the Great Lakes is moving eastward accompanied by a narrow band of snow. The snow is expected to reach the upper Saint John River valley late Monday evening, spreading to the remaining regions after midnight.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island: Clear with a few cloudy intervals; colder; west windse 25 diminishing to 15 in the afternoon and becoming light in the evening; low-high at Charlottetown 10 and 25.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 7.16 A. M. and 5.38 P. M.

High tide on the North Shore at 2.46 A. M. and 1.16 P. M.

Sun rises today at 7.04 A. M. and sets at 5.50 P. M.