

# Will Confer On Bringing Alberta Natural Gas East

TORONTO, (CP)—Ontario officials will confer with Premier Duplessis of Quebec City today to exchange views on plans for bringing Alberta natural gas to eastern Canada.

Representing Ontario will be Attorney-General Dana Porter and A. R. Crozier, members of an eight-man committee recently appointed by the Ontario cabinet to prepare a report on the potential market in Ontario for western gas.

The report, now in the hands of Trade Minister Howe, is said to express belief Ontario alone has sufficient industrial markets to assure the success of a 30-inch pipeline from the West. With Quebec's potential demand added, a 36-inch line might be warranted.

It is reliably reported that if the Ontario hydro electric power commission is given the role of bringing the natural gas into Ontario, the commission will take over distribution at the Manitoba border and build the necessary lines from there to central Ontario.

**Build Quebec Market**  
If agreement were reached with Quebec, a branch from North Bay could serve Ottawa river communities and Montreal. The main line would continue south to Toronto to hook up with a transmission line from the western Ontario gasfields. In this way, Ontario's natural gas could be used to help build the Quebec market and also deplete the Ontario gas fields for eventual use as storage basins when the Alberta gas arrives.

It is thought possible still another line could be built along the north shore of Lake Ontario as far as Kingston. A branch northward would reach the Ottawa area and hook into the line running into Quebec.

**UGLEY, England (CP)**—In an effort to bring some beauty to Ugley, the women of this small town in Essex are taking lessons in make-up at the municipal centre.

# What Happened In The 1953 U. S. "Zany" Department

By Arthur Edson

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Well, sir, 1953 did all right in the zany department, too.

This was the year, for example, when Carmen went unstabbed in a Chicago performance. "Finish the opera you!" Don Jose told the conductor, and flounced off the stage, taking his dagger with him. To Carmen's everlasting credit, she collapsed and died anyway.

It was the year when the Pitt-down man, considered by many authorities to be 500,000 years old, was proved to be a scientific fraud. Pitt-down, the British museum authorities said, wasn't a day over 50,000.

Politically, there were these developments:

Richard M. Nixon became the first U.S. vice-president ever to walk into a lion's den. As a side-show to an initiation stunt, Nixon went in and patted 18-year-old Sheba. "Hi, Kitty," he said.

The territory of Ohio finally made the grade. Due to some sort of slip-up, Ohio never was admitted to the union. Congress gravely and legally accepted the new state, retroactive to March 1, 1803.

Elsewhere, the scientific approach was discovered in the young. A seven-year-old Cushing, Okla., boy, listened to a fire chief lecture on the dangers of playing with matches—and went home to set the place afire.

"I wanted to find out if they were telling the truth," he said. "He sure was right."

A centenarian credited his long life to the fact he never married. "Marriage," he said, "is for

# Deplores Growing Tendency To Nationalize Charity

QUEBEC, (CP)—Premier Duplessis said "Tuesday there is a tendency to 'nationalize charity.' Repeating to a delegation of the Quebec Union of County Councils, which submitted its annual brief to the provincial government, Mr. Duplessis said there does not seem to be brotherly love anymore.

"Formerly," he said, "one was born at home, treated at home when one was sick and buried at home."

"Now, one is born in a hospital, treated in a hospital and buried in funeral parlors."

The delegation, headed by Dr. A. B. Clement of Montreal, president of the union, asked for a provincial agreement to provide pensions for handicapped persons. Mr. Duplessis said Quebec spends between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 annually for trades and crafts schools where handicapped persons are admitted.

"One must not ask too much of a province which wants to keep its autonomy," Mr. Duplessis said.

"The state has to many children to be a good father," he added, quoting the late Premier Clemenceau of France.

Mr. Duplessis favored a union request for a municipal code law which would allow judicial decisions without mandatory contestation of elections. He also believed a 24-hour notice for urgent and extraordinary municipal council meeting should be sufficient.

**women.**  
In Springfield, Ill., a fellow approached a couple of strangers in a tavern and asked if they were interested in helping him with a stickup. They were, indeed, since they were deputy sheriffs.

Another quote worth remembering: Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Truman were in New York, and about to enter their hotel. A small crowd gathered around them. Said the former president to Mrs. T.: "Come on, Ma, you're blocking traffic."

# Christmas At Beach Grove

Pre-Christmas activities at Beach Grove began December 15 with Mr. Jimmie Power and a group of entertainers from Charlottetown staging a variety concert. During intermission Jimmie had a generous treat of fruit for everyone. This is an annual pre-Christmas affair for Mr. Power and at this busy season he is certainly to be commended for his good work.

On December 18, members of the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau visited the Institution and sang carols in the corridors and also had treats for all the patients. Also a choir from St. Joseph's Convent sang carols throughout the building.

On December 20 the Red Cross High School Council group arrived to entertain the patients with Christmas Carols. These young people sang in the corridors on the three floors so that all might enjoy the carols.

On December 22 the First and Third Companies of Girl Guides entertained the patients by singing carols on the different floors and had a treat of candy for each patient. These entertainments were greatly enjoyed and very much appreciated both by the patients and the staff. The building was gaily decorated throughout for the Christmas season. Small trees were placed in the rooms of the patients who were unable to move around.

On Christmas Eve, Santa arrived in the afternoon visiting all the patients who were unable to leave their rooms and distributing gifts to each. In the evening patients and staff gathered in the Auditorium where a program of Christmas carols sung by the staff members was enjoyed throughout for the arrival of Santa Claus who distributed the numerous gifts from around the large gaily decorated Christmas tree.

On Christmas day the dining rooms and patients trays were prettily decorated in keeping with the festive season. The usual turkey dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by patients and staff with treats of ice cream, candy, and fruit.

To the entertainers who gave of their time and talents for the enjoyment of the patients and the societies organizations and friends for gifts and treats and to the various firms for their donations the staff and patients would like to say a sincere thank you.

Following is a list of those who so kindly contributed to make this Christmas such a huge success:

- Women's Auxiliary Canadian Legion — Gifts for Veterans.
- The Catholic Social Welfare League — Gifts for patients.
- C. G. I. T. of Charlottetown Baptist Church — Tray Favours.
- Sisters of St. Martha — Treats for patients.
- Church of Scotland W. A. and W. M. S. — Treats for patients.
- Overseas Nursing Sisters — Christmas Stockings.
- Willing Circle Kings Daughters — Candy and fruit.
- Red Cross — Treats for Veterans.
- North River W. I. — Treats for patients.
- Trinity Young Peoples Union — Individual gifts.
- St. Peter's Anglican Church — Individual gifts.
- Mr. C. F. Archer — Pail of candy.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie — Box of candy.
- Moore and McLeod Ltd. — Case apples and box candy.
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- Rogers Hardware Co. — \$10.00.
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- Propane Gas — \$5.00.
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- Macdonald and Rowe — \$5.00.
- L. M. Poole and Co — \$5.00.
- Dillon and Spillet — \$5.00.
- Crockett and Storey — Box candy.
- A. A. Hennessey Funeral Home — \$5.00.
- Cutcliffe Funeral Home — \$5.00.
- Michael Bros. Ltd. — Pail candy.
- Jenkins Pharmacy — Chocolates.
- Prowse Bros. — Case oranges and box candy.
- R. E. Mutch and Co. — Three boxes candy.
- Geo. H. Toombs and Son — Box candy.
- Hughes Drug Co. — Chocolates.
- Fennell and Chandler — 1 bbl. Apples.
- Sterns Ltd. — Ten cases drinks.
- Bevin Bros. — 2 lugs grapes.
- Clark Fruit Co. — 1 lug grapes.
- DeBlois Bros. — 5 lbs. nuts.
- Atlantic Wholesalers — Box candy.
- LePage Shoe Co. — Box apples.
- Central Creameries — 5 gal. ice cream.
- Higgs and Co. — Box candy.
- Canada Packers Ltd. — One ham.
- W. R. Jenkins — \$5.00.
- J. C. Montgomery — Box Candy.

# Italy Enters 1954 With Shaky Gov't And Reds Stronger

(By Stan Swinton)  
ROME, (AP)—Italy drifts toward 1954 with an uncertain hand at the tiller, economic holes in the sails and Communism multiplying beneath the decks.

The political situation in Italy is deteriorating. The nation has 47,000,000 persons. Last June more than 10,000,000 voted for the Communists or party-line satellites, giving the far left 38 new chamber of deputies seats. They likely have grown stronger since then, as their Democratic opponents bickered among themselves.

The economic situation is playing into the hands of the left. Prices are high. Non-Communist unions have joined Communists in national strikes for higher wages. More strikes and intensified labor trouble seem sure.

High production costs—and lush unit profits—have hurt exports. There is a heavy adverse balance of trade.

**Deeply Divided**  
The government facing this economic mess is entirely composed of the Christian Democratic party, a Catholic centre party. If strong, it might find solutions.

But the Christian Democrats are deeply divided. A minor cabinet shakeup seems imminent, probably indicating a slight move to the right.

The government has other political troubles. The last election left the centre parties with so slim a legislative majority that only Monarchist support has kept Premier Giuseppe Pella in power.

Price of that support has been a policy of temporizing. For instance, the European Defence Community treaty has not even been introduced into Parliament.

Too controversial. Little seems in sight but a further period of makeshift government and indecision. That means danger ahead on the left.

# Fed. Gov't To Aid B. C. Civil Defence

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government will contribute \$20,000 toward the cost of additional civil defence projects in British Columbia costing an estimated \$80,000.

Health Minister Martin, the cabinet member responsible for civil defence, said Monday he and W. D. Black, B. C. provincial secretary, have signed agreements covering the financial arrangements for the new projects.

Biggest portion of the \$80,000 estimate—\$51,552—has been earmarked for the expansion of fire-fighting facilities.

BRISTOL, England (CP) — A discarded steamroller has been installed as a giant toy in a children's play park here.

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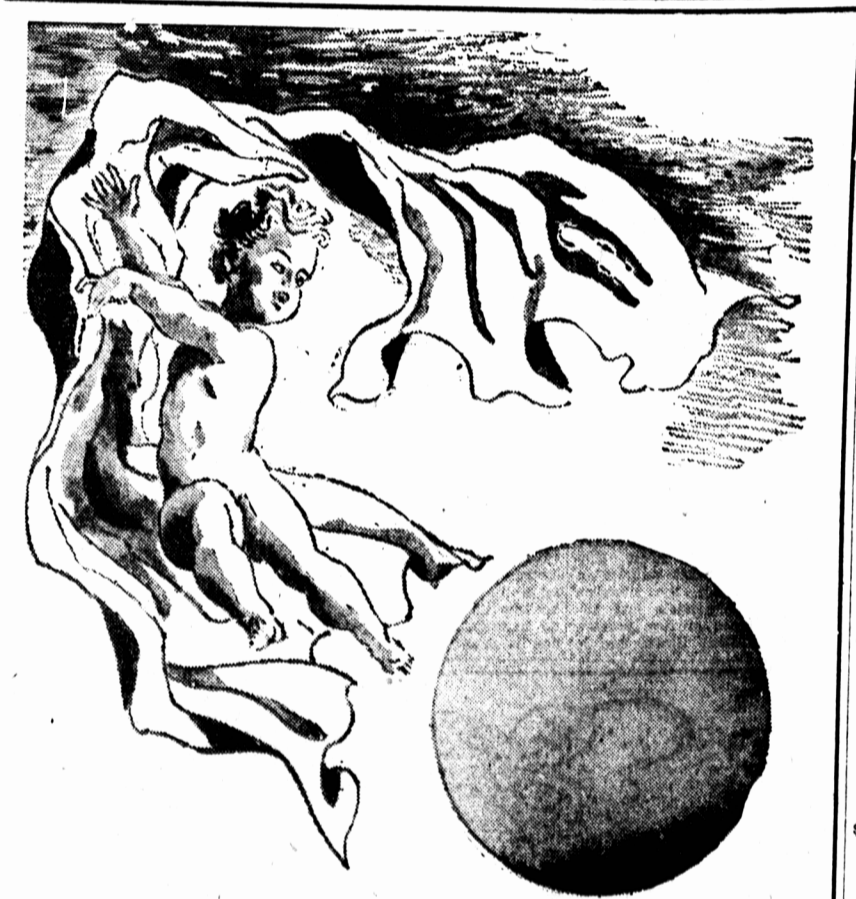
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