

FREEDOM FOR AUSTRIANS TODAY

Neutrality Is Both Promised And Assured

By HUBERT HARRISON VIENNA (Reuters) - Austrian independence becomes an established fact today. It ends 17 years of foreign domination and 10 years of uneasy existence in the front line of the cold war.

Other acts ratifying the May 15 treaty have been deposited in Moscow by Britain, the United States and Austria.

The agreement ends an occupation that began at the end of the Second World War and persisted through almost 10 years of the cold war as Russia turned down Western bids to reunify and evacuate the country.

But last spring a surprise move by Moscow produced Austrian agreement on treaty terms and signalled the beginning of an apparent cold war thaw.

Radio announcers will speak into programs to tell Austrians their country is free again. The moment news of the last ratification deposit has been received. It is a public holiday and Austrians will throng beflagged streets to celebrate their first day of independence since Adolf Hitler's troops annexed it in March, 1938.

Storm Breaks Heat Wave

ROME (CP) - A country-wide heat wave was partly broken on Tuesday when violent thunderstorms struck Italy, cutting power and telegraph lines and doing heavy damage to crops.

Authorities said the damage would run in the millions of dollars. The roofs of 20 houses were blown off.

People in Tenements Have Little Use for Yard Sticks



PEOPLE IN TENEMENTS HAVE LITTLE USE FOR YARD STICKS? A cartoon illustration of a man in a tenement looking at a yardstick.

Table with 2 columns: City, Min. Max. temperatures. Includes Dawson, Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, Halifax, Charlottetown, Sydney, Yarmouth, St. John's.

HALIFAX (CP) - The weather office here says cooler air over western and northern Quebec is expected to spread to the northern Maritimes Wednesday. Cloudy skies and widely scattered showers are forecast to spread across the district with the cooler air.

Northern Nova Scotia: Clear becoming cloudy with widely scattered showers Wednesday evening; warm Wednesday; low-high at Charlottetown 69 and 80, Moncton 57 and 80, Fredericton 60 and 80, Saint John 55 and 75.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 3:48 a.m. and 5:01 p.m. At Rustico at 11:40 a.m. Summerside tide 15 minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises at 4:52 a.m. and sets at 7:47 p.m. Standard time.

M. P. Address of Canadians At Soest

SOEST, Germany (Reuters) - Elmore Philpott, Liberal member of Parliament for Vancouver South, brought "warmest greetings and best wishes" from Prime Minister St. Laurent when he spoke to Canadian soldiers and their families at Werl near here Monday night.

He was one of four Canadian members of Parliament who addressed meetings of men of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade group and their families in this area.

C. A. D. Cannon, Liberal member for the Ile de la Madeleine, Que., spoke in French to members of the 2nd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment.

Meteorite Just Misses Youngsters

CHICAGO (AP) - Six young children escaped unharmed Monday night when a fiery object, apparently a meteorite, fell among them.

James Gutillo, 40, said Tuesday: "It landed right in the middle of my six kids. Paul came running over and said, 'Daddy, we've got a message container from a flying saucer. We're going to open it.'"

He said, "you've been reading too many comic books." The children cracked the mushroom-shaped object with a sledge hammer, and took it to Gutillo on a shovel, still smoking.

Gutillo described the object as "hard, spongy looking like molten rock and metal all blended together."

"It weighs about 30 pounds and it was a little bigger than the volleyball. It looks dirty grayish."

He says he'll use the object as a door stop until "some scientist or professor wants to look at it."

Aged Burnt Out

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Spectacular fire routed 266 persons from the Methodist Home for the Aged Tuesday including more than 100 who were bedridden. No fatalities were reported.

Firemen and hospital crews gave inhalator treatment to a number of the aged who were overcome by smoke. Several required hospital treatment.

An exhaust fan in the attic is believed to have caused the fire. Fire chief W. J. Cawker said the loss would be "at least \$100,000."

Moscow Broadcasts Text Of Eisenhower's Message

MOSCOW (AP) - In an unprecedented move, Moscow radio Tuesday night broadcast the text of President Eisenhower's Monday night TV-radio report on the Geneva meeting. The full text also was carried by the official Soviet news agency Tass for newspaper publication.

Never before in the memory of Westerners living in Moscow has a speech by a Western statesman been quoted here in full. The account of the president's broadcast included his remark about a wide gulf so far dividing East and West—"a gulf as wide and deep as are the differences between individual freedom and regimentation."

The Moscow radio report took 15 minutes to broadcast. GETS SEAWAY APPOINTMENT

TORONTO (CP) - Appointment of Malcolm E. Braden as rehabilitation information officer for the St. Lawrence power project was announced Tuesday. He also will assist families being relocated as a result of the power project.

Tor. Mayor Looks Into Charge Of Intolerance

TORONTO (CP) - Mayor Nathan Phillips asked Tuesday for a special report on a dance hall incident Monday night in which an 18-year-old Negro was allegedly ejected for dancing with a white girl.

Bernard Dolman said he was asked to leave by manager Joseph Broderick of the Palais Royale at Sunnyside amusement centre. The mayor said: "Either we are living in a free country or we are not. This is a free country and every citizen is entitled to freedom and to the benefit of the established principles that go with it, regardless of race, color, religion or political belief."

Admiral Promoted After Being Struck By Seaman

LONDON (CP) - The admiral who was socked by a seaman a week ago was promoted Tuesday. Vice-Admiral J. W. M. Eaton, 52, was named commander-in-chief, America and West Indies station, and deputy Supreme Allied commander, Atlantic. He formerly was flag officer commanding the reserve fleet.

The admiralty announced the appointment even while seaman James McSparran was awaiting trial for knocking off the admiral's gold-branded cap during a general drill. McSparran, a husky, 22-year-old Scot, was ordered court-martialled for what was officially described as "the incident" aboard HMS Berry Head, the headquarters ship. Eyewitnesses said the much-bigger sailor hit the admiral with several blows. McSparran, a six-footer, was reported by shipmates to be bitter about the drill, having just finished a 24-hour watch.

Higher Shipping Rates If British Ships Barred

By STEWART MACLEOD Canadian Press Staff Writer ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) - The executive manager of the Maritime Transportation Commission said Tuesday that barring British ships from the Canadian coastal trade would probably result in higher rates.

Hand H. Matheson told the royal commission on coastal shipping that it was common for competitive carriers to operate under the lowest possible revenue but when competition disappears the margin would likely be increased.

He said his commission was primarily interested in improved transportation facilities and lower rates and if Canadian ships operating alone could carry goods at satisfactory rates, there would be no objection. "As long as we are not detrimentally affected, it doesn't make any difference," he said.

Complaints of CNR

A St. John's businessman, Arthur Johnson, complained of services provided by Canadian National Railways.

A past-president of Newfoundland branch of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, he said the CNR's coastal boat service is "definitely inadequate," the passenger service "just terrible," and the freight services "often congested."

He said that during November, 1954, there were 560 boxcars of Newfoundland-bound freight piled up between North Sydney and Halifax. He said the ferry William Carson was meant to ease this bottleneck at the Cabot Strait.

Mr. Johnson, speaking on behalf of Newfoundland branch of the CMA, said the shipping services of Furness - Withy were "absolutely essential" to the province. So far all witnesses called before the commission here have supported unhampered British coastal shipping in Canada, with most expressing fear of increased rates if competition is erased.

Divorce Court Practice Of Parliament Criticized

OTTAWA (CP) - The Commons miscellaneous private bills committee, which reviews divorce bills, was called "our own kangaroo court" by a CCF member Tuesday.

G. H. Castleden, Yorkton, withdrew his remark at the request of Deputy Speaker W. R. Robinson, but said the committee was an "improper court" to deal with divorce cases. He withdrew that remark also at Mr. Robinson's suggestion.

CCF members "talked out" two divorce bills, to which the CCF objected on grounds of inconclusive and conflicting evidence, were sought by two Montrealers—Dr. Claude Ferron and Real Perras.

King Hussein Educates Poor Arab Boy

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) - Until Monday two things dominated the life of a Bedouin Arab boy named Mohammed Ali Muhisin—a problem and an ambition.

For at 13, he found the life of a nomad pretty tough. He had practically no money. He had no prospects. He had no parents.

Muhisin's problem was what to do with his life, and his ambition was to get an education.

Monday he decided the time had come for action, but his story was only for the king.

So it was that Jordan's 20-year-old King Hussein drove into Amman, a small boy ran up beside the sleek car and waved for him to stop. The king stopped.

Five minutes later, Muhisin was sitting beside him, driving to the palace of the queen mother, where he was fed and clothed.

Today the orphan prepared to start an expensive education—with the king footing the bill.

Commonwealth Officers On Tour

OTTAWA (CP) - A group of 18 high-ranking Commonwealth officials arrive Aug. 3 for a month-long tour of Canada and the United States, army headquarters announced Tuesday.

The students will include a British navy captain, four army brigadiers, an air force group captain and air commodore, two civilian defence officials, two from Pakistan, one from Tanganyika, a brigadier from New Zealand and a brigadier from India.

Parliament In Closing Hours Hears Rebates Set

OTTAWA (CP) - Prorogation of the current session of Parliament was virtually certain for today as the Commons Tuesday moved swiftly through the last of its sessional business.

The Senate, after brief afternoon and evening sittings, was adjourned until 1 p.m. today, by which time the Commons was expected to complete its work. The House began the day by unanimously waiving its 10 p.m. adjournment rule and then tied

First Returns In Israeli Elections

TEL AVIV (CP) - First scattered returns today from Israel's parliamentary election gave the Social Democrat Labor party (Mapai) a lead. But the results were too few to show any definite trend.

The initial returns were from 14,700 voters in 132 small villages. They gave 6,200 votes to Mapai, compared to 3,000 for the extreme leftwing Socialist group (Mapam).

The other ballots were scattered among the rest of the 19 parties fielding candidates.

An estimated 75 to 80 per cent of the eligible voters cast ballots in the election Tuesday.

Five Of Family Drowned In Remote Lake Accident

YARMOUTH, N.S. (CP) - Five members of a Weymouth, N.S., family drowned late Tuesday when a motor boat overturned in an almost inaccessible lake 10 miles from here.

They were identified as Clarence Gavel, his wife, their 18-month-old daughter, Mrs. Gavel's sister, 15, and Mr. Gavel's uncle, Hallet.

The only survivor was Frank Fletcher of South Ohio, N.S., operator of the boat which upset about 250 yards from shore while he was ferrying the family to a lumber camp where Clarence and Hallet Gavel were employed.

Fletcher dragged the bodies of Mrs. Gavel and her daughter ashore but was unable to revive them. RCMP were dragging for the other three bodies.

Full details of the accident were not available because of the area's remoteness.

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H. W. Herridge (CCF—Kootenay West) supported the stand of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, which asked that workers' under non-contributory pension plans acquire full title on their pension equity after the age of 50 and after 20 years' service.

He read to the Commons a letter the union sent to Finance Minister Harris asking for the right on behalf of members employed by the International Nickel Co. and Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. at Trail and Kimberley in British Columbia and at Sudbury and Port Colborne in Ontario.

Revenue Minister McCann said the letter was turned over to him. He had replied to the union that a study is being made of all revenue department rules and regulations regarding pension plans, with a view to proposing changes.

The union letter said at present workers who leave the companies after 20 years' service, but before reaching retirement age, receive no benefit from the pension plans.

Potato Officials Look Into Maine Certified Seed

AUGUSTA, Me. (AP) - Fourteen leading Canadian potato officials are coming to Maine next week for a look at this state's certified seed program.

The Maine agriculture department said the men will visit the state's foundation seed farm at Masardis and the research farm at Presque Isle Aug. 3.

The visit was arranged after Canadian officials expressed interest in Maine's methods. The group will include both New Brunswick and federal Canadian officials.

The Canadians will hold a meeting of their potato breeding policy committee Aug. 5 after returning to New Brunswick.

NATO Cadets Tour Canada

MONTREAL (CP) - Thirty-three air cadets from five NATO countries disembarked on an RCAF transport Tuesday to begin the first lap of a tour that will take them across Canada.

The visitors, from the United Kingdom, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands, form part of an international exchange of cadets from various countries in Europe and North America.

Bank Robbery

DAVELUYVILLE, Que. (CP) - Two armed men entered a branch of the Banque Canadienne Nationale here today and escaped with \$3,000, provincial police reported. Police said the unmasked men pointed their guns at manager Maurice Plouffe while taking the money, then fled in a green automobile. Daveluyville is 80 miles east of Montreal.

Flames Still Lick 200,000 Acres Of Ont. Woodland

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Tuesday was not a good day for Ontario's forest fire fighters. Winds were high and temperatures hot; there was little rain.

Flames licked at timber and brush over 200,000 acres in the province in an unrelenting onslaught against the efforts of 6,000 men and millions of dollars in equipment.

Neither the flames nor the men made much headway. "The situation is somewhat the same," T. E. Mackie, chief of the protection division of the Ontario forests department, said Tuesday night. "It wasn't a good day for fire fighting."

"Somewhat the same meant more than 150 fires still crackled their way through valuable forests across the province, the worst blaze roaring uncontrolled over 100,000 acres north of Blind River, 60 miles east of Sault Ste. Marie."

1,100 M.P.H. In 5 Seconds

EDWARDS AFB, Calif. (AP) - A rocket sled has attained a speed of 1,100 miles an hour in five seconds acceleration—believed the fastest land speed ever attained with such a device. Northrop aircraft said Tuesday.

Rockets propel the 4,300-pound sled at supersonic speed and it creates a sonic boom, just like a jet plane.

Northrop said it cannot disclose the nature of devices of the sled tests. The sled is the first to attain speeds of more than 1,000 m.p.h. and is recovered intact. The previous record, 60 m.p.h. slower, was set by a sled which was destroyed in the run.

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Coming Events

- Your Saturday night Jamboree - Forum.
Dance in Millview Hall every Friday.
Dance - Kozy Hall, Georgetown, Wednesday, July 27th.
Dance, Cardigan Head School, July 28th.
Feed Wheat, \$2.95 per cwt.
McGuigan & Boyle.
Reserve August 23rd for chicken supper, Vernon River.
Baler Twine, \$6.95 a bale.
McGuigan & Boyle.
Regular Dance, Mt. Ryan Hall, every Thursday.
Stock car dance Covehead Tuesday night.
Crapaud St. John's Church annual picnic Wednesday, Aug. 3.
Special meeting Abegweit R. P. Kingston Friday night, 8th degree.
Dance in Dixon's New Barn—Fortune Bridge, July 29. Canteen.
Regular bingo Legion Home, Souris, Thursday, July 28, 8.15. Jackpot \$40.
Crapaud District Visitation, Prince Arthur Lodge, Thursday, July 28.
Bingo, North Rustico, Friday, July 29th, 8.15 p.m. Jackpot \$30.00. Freezout \$3.00.
Come to Barn Dance, Garfield MacPhee, Brookfield, Thursday night Canteen service.
Come and meet your friends at Lot 65, Wednesday, July 27th. Refreshments, Bingo and Dance.
Farmers - Save your Timothy and Clover Seed. Will buy as usual. Burns, Malpeque.
Regular dance Wednesday, July 27, MacLean's warehouse, Souris. Two orchestras. Canteen.
Regular Dance, Crapaud Rink Wednesday night. Burns Orchestra.
Showing at Mount Stewart Tuesday and Wednesday nights. "The Kidnappers."
Come to Marshfield-Dunstaffnage United Church tea on July 28. Serving at 5 p.m., D.T.
Dance, Iris School every Thursday. Good music. Refreshments.
Lot 65-Lawn Party, Wednesday, July 27, Refreshments, Bingo and Dance.
Custom rotary sawing done, Tuesday and Friday during rest of summer. Malcolm McLean, Vernon River Mills.
Pioneer descendants holding postponed picnic at Brudenell Island on Saturday evening, July 30, 8 o'clock.
Dance, West Royalty Hall Wednesday. Rollie McKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen Service. 9.30 to 12.30.
Weekly Dance, Winsloe Station Hall, Friday, July 29th. Rollie McKenzie's Orchestra. Dancing 9.30 to 12.30 D.T.
Sobell - A Boushgar Bears at N. M. C. Boushgar at West River Ball Park, Wednesday, July 29, at 8:30.

LAST WEEK

Acting Postmaster-General Pickersill, left, and Opposition Leader Drew enter the Commons to be

gna what they hope is the last week of a session that began Jan. 7. Another four days and this will

be a record-length sitting. Mr. Pickersill used the bulky file he's carrying in denving charges that

post office investigators shielded post office robbers. (CP Photo) 1953

