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ART SOCIETY OFFICERS ELECTED

New officers for the coming year were elected at a successful annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Art Society held last evening at Prince of Wales College. Front, left to right, Miss Ann Matheson, secretary; Mrs. B. B. Jones, president; Mrs. E. B. Ellis, past president. Back, left to right, Miss Eleanor Lowe, Mrs. P. A. Creelman, Mrs. Doris McKay, John Taylor, Mrs. Philip Barlow, Miss Gladys Taylor, Mrs. D. R. George, Vice-president Barry Bugden is missing from the picture.

Worst Weather Of Winter Grips Western Europe

LONDON (Reuters)—The worst weather of the winter held western Europe in its grip Tuesday but the danger of floods lessened as river levels fell. Iced-up railway tracks and snow-choked roads dislocated traffic from Scotland to Italian Riviera. Fo gadded the discomfort in parts of England and closed down Liverpool airport. In Paris, the French meteorological office said snowfall in the last few days was the worst in 10 years, with some centres reporting a continuous fall since last Thursday. At least 35 villages were isolated in eastern France. Most river levels in France were falling, however, including the Seine at Paris. SNOW IN GERMANY In West Germany, heavy snow in the mountainous central and southwestern areas isolated villages and halted traffic on many main roads. Ice formed at the entrance to Baltic coast harbors, hampering shipping. But the Rhine, which threatened to flood Monday night, was receding and traffic on it was normal. Snow, hail and sleet continued to sweep The Netherlands and one rail link with Belgium was cut. Tides at Flushing and The Hook of Holland rose close to the danger point but dike guards reported everything under control. A belt of fog extending across Europe from Belfast to Germany and The Netherlands affected flights between London and Europe.

TINY TUBE IN DUMP



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House Assent To Hospital Insurance Plan Predicted

OTTAWA (CP)—The House of Commons is expected to pass legislation for hospital insurance by the end of the session, a government spokesman said today. The bill, which would provide for a national hospital insurance plan, is expected to be introduced in the House this session. The government spokesman said the bill would provide for a national hospital insurance plan, which would cover all Canadians. The bill would also provide for a national health insurance plan, which would cover all Canadians. The government spokesman said the bill would provide for a national hospital insurance plan, which would cover all Canadians. The bill would also provide for a national health insurance plan, which would cover all Canadians.

Hon. Angus Will Open Jamaican Trade Fair

OTTAWA (CP)—The Right Hon. John G. Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada, has announced that the Hon. J. Angus Maclean, Minister of Fisheries, will represent the Canadian Government at the inauguration of the Jamaican Trade Fair in Kingston, Jamaica, on January 16. Mr. Maclean will be accompanied by R. W. Blake, Area Trade Officer for Commonwealth Countries in the Department of Trade and Commerce and formerly Canadian Government Trade Commissioner in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. Mr. Diefenbaker said that as fish is the principal single item of export from Canada to Jamaica, it is particularly appropriate that Mr. Maclean should participate at the inauguration ceremonies of this major promotional project, sponsored by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Duck Hunter's Body Is Found

LIVERPOOL, N.S. (CP)—The body of one of two duck hunters missing for several days was recovered Tuesday at Port L'Herbert, 20 miles west of here. RCMP identified it as that of Eugene Leslie, 36. Still missing is Gordon Teal, 44. Both were residents of Port Joli, N.S. REDEMPTORIST DIES SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Rev. Charles McCormick, 87, oldest member of the Canadian English-speaking province of Redemptorists, died in hospital here Tuesday. He was born in Saint John and joined the order in 1896.

Rail Freight Subsidies Opposed By Truckers

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's trucking industry appealed to the government Tuesday against the use of further railway subsidies in the rail freight rate structure. A delegation from Canadian Trucking Associations, representing major trucking firms across the country, said in a brief it submitted Minister Hees that subsidies could boomerang against the western and Atlantic provinces. This presentation was prompted by reports that the cabinet—after allowing a 17-per-cent freight rate increase effective Dec. 1—intends to propose treasury aid to the railways to enable them to bring western and Atlantic tolls more into line with lower ones in Ontario and Quebec. After the meeting, an informant said Mr. Hees told the delegation its submission would be given careful consideration. The CTA brief said it is claimed by provincial governments that a subsidy is preferable to further distortion in the rail rate structure but added: "If the present distortion is due to the relative underdevelopment of the railways' truck competitors in Western and Eastern Canada, as compared to the development that has taken place in central Canada, it is not logical to expect that a subsidy would perpetuate this condition." "It is clear that the trucking industry will be adversely affected," the brief said. "In some cases it is probable that trucking companies which now are growing would have to curtail their existing business."

Opposition Prepares Attack On Financial Policy Of Gov't.

By HAROLD MORRISON Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP)—The small Opposition is preparing to launch a major attack in Parliament against the government's financial policies. And the administration, trying to keep its financial house in order, is reported facing difficulty in clamping the lid on rising departmental costs. That's the picture as the bell sounds for the opening of the new session of Parliament Thursday, a session that may see some of the most bitter fighting in recent years. But though new debating victories may be won and new heroes emerge, the numerical strength of the Progressive Conservatives eliminates any possibility that the government will topple. MAJOR ISSUE Indications that the economic and financial situation is emerging as the opposition's big issue came Tuesday both from Liberal Leader Pearson and CCF House Leader Hazen Argue. Opposition Leader Pearson, head of the 46-member Liberal force in a Commons dominated by 208 Conservatives, indicated in an interview that when he launches his throne speech attack Monday he will hit hard at what he terms "uncertain and inept" government policies which he claims are posing a threat to Canada's economic stability. Mr. Argue, leading a tiny band of eight CCF members in the 265-seat House, said in an interview he said the country is faced with a financial crisis, inflation and widespread unemployment while Russia is surging ahead "licking the pants off us." LINE OF DEFENCE The government, to some extent, has already indicated its line of defence. Finance Minister Fleming told a Toronto audience earlier this month that the Canadian recession was part of an international development that also had affected the United States and other countries. Now North America was on the road to recovery, he said, the prospects before Canada were "dazzlingly bright." He defended the government's huge 1958 conversion bond issue as being essential to eliminate an "overhang" of soon-to-mature victory bonds creating a drag on the bond market. Government spending had been increased to fight the recession and create more jobs but now, he indicated, there would be no further major increase in the country's money supply. There also would be a tight clamp on controllable federal expenditures. However, the sag in the price of government bonds had continued. At mid-November Canadian unemployment was up by about 22 per cent from that time last year, with job-hunters estimated at 361,000, a post-war record for this period of the year. Last week the Bank of Canada interest rate of 3 1/2 per cent, which down from recent highs, compared with the record low of 1.12 per cent last August. Bank presidents, in year-end statements, warned of the dangers of inflation. But demands on the federal treasury were still heavy. TAX INCREASES? There were indications the government might have to boost taxes if another major deficit for the next fiscal year was to be avoided. The alternative seemed to be a further rise in the money supply, a move Mr. Fleming agreed would be highly inflationary. But there were indications not all members of the cabinet were in favor of higher taxes. Informants said Mr. Fleming was looking to Prime Minister Diefenbaker for guidance and that the prime minister was holding off a final decision in the hope perhaps that a rising economy might make tax boosts unnecessary. In the end Mr. Diefenbaker may have to settle for some small tax increases. Federal spending for the next fiscal year starting April 1, including old age pensions, was unofficially estimated to rise to some \$6,000,000,000 from the \$5,700,000,000 of so this year. ANOTHER DEFICIT? Federal revenues, including those from pension tax levies, may climb to some \$5,300,000,000 from \$5,000,000,000 this year. Within this range of estimates, it appeared the government would have another deficit of \$700,000,000 or so in 1959-60, similar to the one Mr. Fleming forecast for the current year ending March 31. Without increased taxes, a deficit of that amount could be financed only by heavier borrowing. Under current market conditions, heavier federal borrowing might push interest rates higher and drop market values of government securities generally.

Dulles Blasts Russian Plans

WASHINGTON (AP)—State Secretary Dulles Tuesday blasted Russia's proposals for Germany as brutal, stupid and probably unworkable. Coupling this harsh criticism with an implied promise of flexibility, Dulles added that the U.S. is willing to meet with Russia, Britain and France to discuss the German problem. He thus set the stage, at his press conference, for round No. 2 of Anastas I. Mikoyan's Washington talks about the future of the divided nation. Mikoyan, first deputy Russian premier, is due back here late this week after a cross-country tour. Dulles said: 1. His and President Eisenhower's conferences with Mikoyan on Friday and Saturday, respectively, will amount to an exchange of views and not two-power negotiations—something the Allies oppose. 2. Russia's proposal to isolate the demilitarized German is not only brutal, as West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer contended Monday, but "it's a stupid idea." 3. The Western Allies believe Germany should be reunited through free elections. But Dulles said—apparently for the first time in public—that a free election is not the only method possible. He declined to elaborate, except to add: "There are all kinds of methods." 4. The United States has no new proposals on Germany's future at present. It stands on the Allies' Dec. 31 note proposing four power talks on the whole German question. Such talks would embrace Berlin, reunification, a peace treaty and European security. 5. "We are having constant talks with our Allies about the situation"—a hint that new proposals should not be ruled out. 6. Mikoyan made clear, in talks last week with Dulles and Vice-President Richard Nixon, that Russia's proposal to hand East Berlin over to East Germany and demand withdrawal of Western forces from West Berlin by next June was not "an ultimatum with a fixed time limit."

Ships Ready To Make Dash From Montreal Early Today

MONTREAL (CP)—Some 500 saltwater sailors, trapped more than a month in Montreal Harbor, were jubilantly preparing to sail down the St. Lawrence River at dawn after being reached Tuesday by a pair of federal government icebreakers. Thirteen ocean freighters had been caught in the harbor by a sudden and early freeze-up and had sat from early December waiting for the breakers to fight their way into the harbor. One, the Poseidon, was freed Monday and spent the night off Trois-Rivieres. She docked at Quebec City Tuesday night to load cargo and was due to sail for Europe Thursday. "We're set to release them starting at 7 a.m. tomorrow," said an official of the channel engineer's office here. END OF LONG TRIP The icebreakers d'Herbville and Ernest Lapointe reached the top of the harbor Tuesday after trying since Dec. 5. The d'Herbville remained in the harbor channel battering and bunting at ice piled 15 feet thick. The smaller Lapointe concentrated on keeping ice smashed by the d'Herbville moving a freely through the 500-foot wide channel leading to the sea. On Lake St. Peter, 50 miles downstream, the breakers Montcalm and N. B. McLean were keeping ice flowing through the twisting, island-dotted channel.

Mass Executions Said 'Necessary'

By ROBERT D. CLARK HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—Cuba's revolutionary government Tuesday defended mass executions of Batista supporters, terming the death sentences necessary to prevent vengeful Cubans from taking the law into their own hands. Obviously stung by criticism from abroad, Foreign Minister Roberto Agramonte declared: "If the military tribunals did not do what they are doing now, moving quickly to assure fast justice, the families of those who were murdered and tortured would take justice into their own hands and many innocent would fall with the accused." By unofficial count the executions of the followers of ousted dictator Fulgencio Batista reached 150. These included police, soldiers, gunmen and informers accused of murder. DENY HALT ORDER Foreign ministry sources denied that any orders had gone out to the six provinces to halt the trials and executions. Reporters at Santiago were given lists of names of 74 executed there Monday. Executions also were carried out in Guantanamo, Bayamo and Holguin in Oriente province. About 3,000 persons are estimated to be still facing trial. Agramonte said there were estimates that the Batista regime "murdered and tortured 20,000 Cuban men, women and children of all ages." "I would like to make it clear that the executions by military firing squads have been made under revolutionary law," Agramonte said in a press statement. HUMANE BY COMPARISON "It must be pointed out for justice's sake that this penalty is at least humane compared with the barbaric treatment accorded revolutionary soldiers when captured by Batista men." He announced that the government of provisional President Manuel Urrutia is about ready to complete reorganization of the supreme tribunal of justice, and that it will take over from the military tribunals. He promised that the supreme tribunal will give each citizen guarantees he never had under Batista.

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TWO SICKNESSES

It was Dulles' first press conference since Nov. 26. During the interval, he has been sick twice—with a colon inflammation and later a virus. Of his health, the 70-year-old Dulles said in reply to a question: "I feel able to carry on."

Falling Tree Kills Logger

PLASTER ROCK, N.B. (CP)—Logger Walter Parrish, 49, of nearby Burat Land Brook, was killed Monday when a tree fell and struck him on the head, 10 miles north of here. RCMP said Parrish was cutting down another tree when it became entangled with the one that hit him. He was killed instantly.

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Father Of Kidnapped Baby Talked Into Laying Charge

NEW YORK (AP)—Mrs. Jean Iavarone was held in \$50,000 bail Tuesday in the kidnapping of a newborn baby after the child's reluctant father was talked into signing the complaint against her. "We bear this woman no grudge," the father, Frank Chionchio, said of himself and his 26-year-old wife. Their baby, Lisa Rose, was found alive and unharmed Sunday in Mrs. Iavarone's Brooklyn apartment. Police said Mrs. Iavarone, 43, abducted the baby from a Brooklyn hospital Jan. 2, only 2 1/2 hours after it was born, in a plot to induce her boy friend to marry her by passing the infant off as their love child. Chionchio, a 28-year-old lawyer, at first refused to sign a kidnapping complaint against the buxom blonde widow, the mother of seven living children. COULD BE SUBPOENAED He was talked into it, however,



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P.M. Makes Public Timetable For First Days Of Session

OTTAWA (CP)—The Opposition's opening guns won't be fired until Monday in the first major debate of the new parliamentary session. Prime Minister Diefenbaker, making public the timetable of the opening days in the session starting Thursday, said Tuesday party leaders will not speak in the throne speech debate until Monday. The speech from the throne, outlining the government's legislative program for the session, will be read by Governor-General Massey at the opening ceremonies Thursday afternoon. Friday afternoon will be set aside for speeches by two Progressive Conservative members who will present the customary motion for an address in reply to the throne speech. Mover and seconder will be Warner Jorgenson, Provocher, and Louis Fortia, Montmagny-L'Islet. The actual throne speech debate won't open until Monday when Opposition Leader Pearson will lead off. He will undoubtedly present a motion of non-confidence against the government. Mr. Diefenbaker and CCF House Leader Hazen Argue also will speak. Normally on Fridays the Commons would meet in the morning but Mr. Diefenbaker said Tuesday he will propose that this Friday the House waive the morning sitting.

CNR Steamer Is Refloated

GRAND BANK, Nfld. (CP)—The CNR steamer Bar Haven was refloated Tuesday from a sand bar 40 miles from here where she went aground Sunday night. She was towed to Bay L'Argent for a damage assessment. The 31-man crew was still aboard. But 36 passengers were transferred to another steamer shortly after grounding. The Bar Haven sprang a leak and two holds had to be emptied of water by pumps before she was freed.

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