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RED CHINA REJECTS INVITATION FROM U.N. TO TAKE PART IN CEASE-FIRE CONFERENCE

TOKYO, (AP)—Red China today rejected the United Nations invitation to participate in talks on a cease-fire for the Formosa strait.

Premier Chou En-lai informed the UN he will not send a spokesman to New York unless Nationalist China is ousted from the UN Security Council. And in any case, Chou said, he would send a representative only to discuss Soviet charges that the United States is guilty of aggression against China.

Votes in the UN have shown it is not prepared to pay such a price for Red China's participation in discussions. Only last Monday the Security Council overwhelmingly voted down a Soviet demand that Chiang Kai-shek's ambassador be excluded from the Formosan debate.

CLAIMS INTERVENTION

Two questions are before the council:

1. A New Zealand proposal that the UN seek to end hostilities on certain islands off the Chinese mainland. This refers to the Tachens and other islands in Formosa strait, but not to Formosa itself.

2. A Soviet proposal which charges the United States with aggression against China and calls for withdrawal of all U. S. forces from the China area.

The council has agreed to give priority to New Zealand's proposal, but the Western powers still have not put forward a formal resolution for a cease-fire.

In his message today Chou contended that the council's decision to consider the New Zealand move was "intervention in China's internal affairs" that is no concern of the UN. He stressed that his government would have no part in such discussions and would regard any UN action on this subject as "illegal and null and void."

UN DISAPPOINTED

At UN headquarters, the news of Chou's stand was received with disappointment. Many delegates had hoped that the Peiping regime would send a representative in view of the council's agreement to take up the Soviet charges of aggression after cease-fire talks are concluded. An influential delegate said the members would want time to reflect and also to consult their governments.

Chou's decision, broadcast by Peiping radio, was in reply to an invitation sent by Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold Monday on instructions from the Security Council. Under the invitation, the Chinese Communist representative would have been permitted to take part in the council discussions but would not have had a vote. Once before, in 1950, Red China sent a representative to the UN for debate on alleged U. S. aggression against China, but the council threw the charges out.

Chou's message said:

"The government of the People's Republic of China hold that only for the purpose of discussing the resolution of the Soviet Union, and only when the representatives of Chiang Kai-shek's clique have been driven out from the Security Council and the representatives of the People's Republic of China attends in the name of China, can the People's Republic of China agree to send a representative to take part in the discussions of the Security Council."

There appeared to be no loophole in this which would permit a compromise.

Training In Korea

To keep in fighting trim the Canadian soldiers serving in Korea are getting extensive training with their infantry weapons. Giving the Sten gun a work out is Rfn. Robert Peterson of Wheatley River, P.E.I. (National Defence Photo).

Use Of S'side Armouries Authorized For The Town

OTTAWA, Feb. 3 — (Special) — After discussing the question with J. Watson MacNaught, parliamentary assistant to Fisheries Minister Sinclair and Liberal MP for Prince, National Defence Minister Ralph Campney today authorized the use of Summerside armories by town authorities, following the fire which destroyed Summerside Town Hall. Request for use of the armories had come to the minister through the Defence Department's Eastern Command.

In order to reach a decision, Mr. Campney called in Mr. MacNaught and discussed the amount of space which could be made available to town authorities both as temporary offices and a meeting place for Summerside Town Council. Since the military require a section of the building to carry out their own work and training courses, the arrangement will be on a temporary basis.

In response to the minister's question, Mr. MacNaught outlined the various offices and personnel of Summerside and their minimum requirements for working space.

S'side Group Plans To Investigate Unemployment

—A committee from the Summerside Board of Trade will investigate the local unemployment situation with a view to providing suggestions for employment improvement, and a study of their findings will be submitted through the Summerside office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission to the Minister of Labor in Ottawa.

This action was taken at the February meeting of the Board of Trade last evening at the request of Mr. Earl G. Cannon, manager of the Summerside branch of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, who told the meeting that over 20 percent of the registered wage earners in Prince County are unemployed, and added that this did not include unemployed farm laborers and fishermen who were ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

Pointing out the great loss of productive labor which results from such a large portion of the population being without employment, Mr. Cannon said the situation here was much the same pattern as exists throughout Canada. He said the Minister of Labor is endeavouring to obtain a complete picture of the situation, together with suggestions from all sections of the country, on ways of providing more employment.

Mr. Cannon said that seasonal unemployment seemed to be the chief difficulty confronted by his office.

After his outline of the request to the Board of Trade for their active interest in the problem, Mr. Cannon took part in an open discussion on several related matters of concern to the Summerside employment agency, in which he reported that a large percentage of the present unemployed normally are associated with building and construction trades.

1,400 UNEMPLOYED

A report from Mr. Cannon's office a few days ago said that about 1,400 persons are presently receiving unemployment insurance benefits in Prince County, to the total amount of about $4,500 per day.

A motion by Mr. J. F. Arnett for the formation of a committee to study the local unemployment problem was approved by the meeting and will be appointed by the president of the board, Mr. John Mungall, who presided at last night's meeting which was held in the new quarters of the Summerside R.C.A.F. Association in the Journal building.

Among those taking part in the discussion on the matter were Messrs. John Mungall, Wm. Haymard, Fred Bingham, Russell Phaneuf, J. F. Arnett, Group Captain W. H. Swetman, George Hogg, Jack Wright.

Following a report from Wm. Hayward regarding a request received by the board, it was suggested by Mr. J. F. Arnett that the marine and transportation committee of the board meet as soon as possible with spokesmen from various districts west of Summerside to obtain their views as a prelude to the preparation of a brief by the Board of Trade which will be submitted to a meeting of the Board of Transport Commissioners to be held in Charlottetown in regard to C.N.R. proposals to discontinue railway passenger service in P.E.I. between April 15th and December 15th.

Thanks were tendered by the meeting to the Airforce Association for use of their facilities for last night's meeting following the destruction by fire of the

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Emergency Meeting Of British Cabinet

LONDON, (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill has called an emergency cabinet meeting for today to consider the Formosa situation, it was reliably reported Thursday night.

Farm Prices

OTTWAA (CP)—Canada's farm prices index was virtually unchanged in December at 219.7, fractionally higher than November's 219.3.

The bureau of statistics reported Thursday that higher livestock and dairy prices were practically offset by lower potatoes and egg prices. Grains were unchanged.

Provincial index with November figures in brackets: Prince Edward Island, 214.1 (221.4; Nova Scotia 252.4 (255.5); New Brunswick 217.9 (228.8); Quebec 259.3 (258.0); Ontario 247.2 (245.8); Manitoba 201.2 (199.8); Saskatchewan 175.0 (174.1); Alberta 200.4 (199.7); British Columbia 248.1 (253.2).

The index is based on average farm prices for 1935-39 equalling 100.

Damaged Cargo Ship Struggles Towards Port

NEW YORK (AP) — The Panamanian freighter Liberator struggled Thursday in the stormy Atlantic to reach England. A dangerous crack in her hull meanwhile grew worse.

An American ship stood by within a half - mile from the stricken 7,176-ton vessel, as she proceeded on her own power toward England at six knots.

Coast guard headquarters here said the last message received from the ship's master, Capt. Pandelis Stanolios, reported the crack worsening.

"We cannot continue voyage without escort or assistance," the message said.

More Butter For India, Pakistan

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The agriculture department announced Thursday it is donating an additional 900,000 pounds of surplus butter to care for relief distribution in India and Pakistan. The butter will be converted into butter oil. During the last year the department has donated about 44,000,000 pounds of surplus butter for foreign welfare use.

Monthly Rentals Charged On Federal Building Site

OTTAWA, Feb. 3—(Special)—A list of monthly rentals charged occupants of buildings on the site of the Charlottetown Federal Building was tabled in the Commons today in reply to a question on the rentals asked by Neil A. Matheson, Liberal member for Queens.

While rentals appear strictly moderate in most cases, it has been pointed out that former tenants of the Federal Government enjoyed no security of tenure when in the expropriated buildings, no service, and little if any maintenance.

Properties, names of tenants and rentals are listed as follows:

68 Pownal Street, J. T. Robinson, $27.25; 70 Pownal Street, N. Nicholson, $27.50; 72 Pownal St., F. L. Egan, $17; 72 Pownal St., A. McIsaac, $35; 76 Pownal St., M. Hagan, $40; 82 Pownal St., H. Connell, $15; 93 Queen Street, J. D. Stewart, $70; 103 Queen St., Leo Frank, $35; 99-105 Queen St., Batt and McRae, $45; 99 - 105 Queen St., Government of Prince Edward Island, $250; 107½ Queen St., A. M. Gregory, $15, and P. Murray, $10; 107 Queen St., J Hughes, $10; 109 Queen St., L. O. Kelly, $20; 84 Richmond St., Harry Collins, $15, M. Haley, $15 and F. McNeill, $15; 86 Richmond St. William LeClair, $25.50, and H. Marshal, $25.50; 88 Richmond St., A. Vail, $10; 90 Richmond St., Stanley Ross, $10; 94 Richmond St., F. Steele, $20; 100 Richmond St., G. Patterson, $15; 102 Richmond St., J. P. Martin, $12; 104 Richmond St., William Roach, $20; 108 Richmond St., B. Benjamin, $30.

112 - 114 Richmond Street, A. Roberts, $30, and William McKinnon, $40; 116 Richmond Street, J McKeigan, $25; 120 Richmond St., F. Hennessey $45 and L.O. Kelly, $45; 79 Sydney St., F. E. Flynn, $18; 83 Sydney St., G. Richards, $20; 85 Sydney St., D. McKenzie, $15; 87 Sydney St., W. McCoy, $15; 89-91 Sydney St., W. L. McKenna, $18; 89 Sydney St., J. L. McDonald, $20; 91 Sydney St., J. A. Flynn, $17; 93-95 Sydney St., J. J. Gallant, $25; 93 Sydney St., C. Gauthier, $10; 95 Sydney St., Thomas Bell, $15; 97 - 99 Sydney St., J. Carl Green, $30; 101-101½ Sydney St., A. Arsenault, $55; 101-101½ Sydney St., R. Genge, $55; 101 - 103 Sydney St., Donald Campbell, $55.

These were the monthly rentals paid from the time the Federal Government took possession of the buildings until they were razed.

Evacuation Of Tachens Appears Bogging Down

By SPENCER MOOSA

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP) — A Chinese Nationalist withdrawal from the Tachens appeared snagged today in negotiations, but the Reds seemed to be putting no pressure on the islands 200 miles nroth of Formosa.

There were reports the United

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The United States is reported urging Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to make a quick final decision on evacuation of his troops from the Tachen islands since the reinforced U. S. 7th Fleet cannot be held in readiness indefinitely.

important Nationalist offshore islands was reluctant to give a clear-cut guarantee to help protect Matsu and Quemoy, the most

lands, after a Tachen withdrawal.

For the second straight day Thursday there was no report of any Communist activity in the Tachen area except for the usual shuttling of supply ships to island positions nearby.

The defence ministry said Nationalist bombers caught a Red convoy Wednesday night near Yikiangshan, eight miles north of the Tachens, and in an attack two large Red vessels "were hit and exploded."

Nationalist officials discounted published reports that the Red ships were an invasion fleet.

There are indications that if the United States gives no guarantees for Matsu and Quemoy, the Nationalists will ask to reconsider the whole Tachen question.

CAVE-IN KILLS 10

JHARIA, India (Reuters) — At least 10 miners were killed and eight injured Wednesday night when part of the model Dharmabad coal mine, 15 miles from here, caved in.

Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thursday

The Commons defeated by a vote of 158 to 36 a Social Credit motion of non-confidence in the government.

A. H. Hollingworth (L — York Centre) introduced a private bill asking the government to prepare a design for a distinctive national flag.

CCF Leader Coldwell said recognition of Red China is not too high a price to pay for peace in the Far East.

C. E. Johnston (SC—Bow River) said Canada is heading for an economic depression or recession.

Michael Starr (PC — Ontario) urged the government to abolish the 15-per-cent excise tax on automobiles.

Senator Thomas Reid (L—British Columbia) said there is a "cold war" between labor and management in Canada.

Friday

The Commons and the Senate resume the throne speech debate.

Senator McIntyre Presses For The Chignecto Canal

OTTAWA (CP)—Senator James P. McIntyre of the Maritimes wants the St. Lawrence seaway matched by the long - discussed Chignecto canal project.

Senator McIntyre (L — Prince Edward Island) said Thursday in the Senate throne speech debate that it is only natural the Maritimes should expect action on the Chignecto project, promised at Confederation, now that the St. Lawrence seaway has been started.

The 18-mile canal through the Gulf of Chignecto to join the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Bay of Fundy would cut more than 500 sea miles off the route to New England markets for Maritimes produce.

"It now is up to the members of the House of Commons and senators from the Maritimes provinces," he said, "regardless of their political affiliations, to stand together and fight so that this long overdue project will be made a reality."

DEBT POSITION DANGEROUS.

(The government has estimated that the Chignecto canal would cost about $100,000,000. A royal commission on transportation recommended in 1951 against proceeding with it.)

Senator McIntyre also dealt with the debt position of the provinces. He said the combined provincial debt now is $3,145,000,000 or $218 per capita and he saw this as a danger.

If this debt position was allowed to go on the provinces would not be able to sell their bonds and would have to raise taxes.

Referring to the "shooting war"—an obvious reference to Formosa—Senator McIntyre said there should be an appeal for divine guidance to the heads of all the churches before it is too late.

Polio Discussed At QCHS Home And School Meeting

More than a hundred interested parents heard Dr. O. H. Curtis, Deputy Minister of Health and Dr. J. H. Shaw, Director of Laboratories describe the nature and effect of poliomyelitis and the nation-wide steps being taken to deal with it on the highest known level of efficiency, at a meeting of Queen Charlotte High School Home and School Association last night.

In the course of his talk on polio vaccine Dr. Curtis said: "Connaught Medical Research Laboratories at Toronto contributed substantially to the preparation of Salk vaccine for use in the United States last year.

"In May the laboratories proposed a plan by which production of vaccine would be continued to the extent of sufficient to vaccinate 500,000 children on condition that the provinces would contribute financially to the scheme on the basis of population. All provinces agreed, and the amount of vaccine ordered for P.E.I. will be sufficient for about 3,000 children. This vaccine will be offered at regional centres each serving several school districts, throughout the province this spring. Grade 1 pupils have been chosen to receive the vaccinations as this is one of the age groups which has a higher incidence of disease.

"Our knowledge of the effect of the vaccine is very limited. We understand that no reactions of serious nature have occurred among the hundreds of thousands of children who have been vaccinated to date. We believe that 3 injections are required and that they must be given some time in advance of the usual polio season in order to be effective. The first two injections are given a week or 10 days apart and the third a month later. In this province we plan to hold the first series of clinics early in April, the second about mid April and the third in the middle of May. It is most essential that a child receive all three injections, as it has been shown that one injection produces no effect, two give only a small degree of protection, and it is only a matter of some time after the third dose that an appreciable resistance against the disease has been demonstrated.

"If protection against polio is secured we know nothing about its duration though the originators of the vaccine believe that a reinforcement dose may be necessary every 2 or 3 years.

ON TRIAL BASIS

"I wish to emphasize that the Health Department is offering this service to the public strictly on a trial basis. We feel that no harm can come to any child from receiving the vaccine, but we cannot offer any assurance as to its value. You will realize that the situation here is entirely different from that which exists in con-

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Coming Events

**Come to card party in Stanley Bridge Friday, Feb. 4.

**Unloading Old Sydney coal at Milton today. Vernon Gillespie.

**Dance in Vernon Hall on Friday, Feb. 4th in aid of Vernon hockey team. Sale of cakes.

**CARD PARTY, Legion Hall, Montague, tonight at 8:15. Chickens for prizes.

**Chicks available now at the Island Chick Hatchery, 71 King Street, Charlottetown. Phone 6131.

**Dance, Friday evening, South Rustico Hall. Rollie McKenzie Orchestra.

**Doubleheader at North River rink tonight. York vs. Winsloe at 7:30 sharp; Milton vs. Long Creek. League games. Skate after.

**Shur - Gain Amateur Cavalcade, Cornwall hall, Feb. 15. Sponsored by Meadowbank Women's Institute. Please send entries to Mrs. Yeo, Cornwall Post Office.

**Showing at Morell tonight only. "Hangman's Knot". Starring Randolph Scott with Donna Reed, in technicolor. When lynch law held Nevada in a noose. This is an outstanding western. Don't miss it. Plus second chapter Buffalo Bill Serial. Two shows, 7 and 9 o'clock.

**Crapaud rink tonight, school hockey, Cape Traverse vs. Crapaud 7.30; North Tryon vs. Albany Rural at 9. Skate after. Saturday skating 2 to 4, 15 cents. Regular skate Saturday night 8 to 10. Carnival Feb. 9. Saturday morning school hockey, Albany Village vs. Kelly's Cross 9 a.m.; Hampton vs. Westmoreland 10 a.m.; Victoria vs. Crapaud 11 a.m.

Vote To Strike

MONTREAL (CP) — CBC radio and television technicians have voted 657-74 in favor of strike action to back up contract demands, it was announced late Thursday.

The vote empowers the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians (CIO-CCL) to call a strike among their 783 members if a "satisfactory" agreement is not reached with the CBC before Feb. 16.

Union sources reported in Toronto a union-company meeting will be held Tuesday in Ottawa but this could not be confirmed here.

Results of the balloting, which began late Wednesday night at 21 centres across Canada, was announced at NABET headquarters here. Polls closed at about noon Thursday.

MAKING PLANS

Meanwhile, in Ottawa, CBC general manager Alphonse Ouimet said: "The CBC is making plans for any eventuality brought about by the NABET action."

The main union demand was that wages for technicians be increased from the present basic rate of $44.25 weekly to $53.77 and the maximum be increased from $96.40 to $161.54.

The vote against accepting the conciliation report was 742 to 43, a spokesman said.

May Consider Alternate Plan To Halt Fighting

LONDON, (Reuters) — Communist China's refusal Thursday night to attend Formosa cease-fire talks at the United Nations probably will lead to fresh discussions at the Commonwealth conference here on an alternative plan to halt the fighting.

The plan, already examined informally, calls for a conference of interested states on the lines of the Geneva Far East conference last summer which produced an Indochina truce.

Prime Minister Nehru of India is said to be sympathetic with this suggestion. But there is no indication at present how the United States would feel about it. Nationalist China's attitude is even more unpredictable.

INTENSITY EFFORTS

In any case, the Commonwealth prime ministers are determined to intensify their efforts here to solve the Formosa crisis. They are almost certain to take up the problem at their next meeting today.

The conference discussed the Formosa crisis in its early sessions this week and decided to shelve further discussion until Communist China answered the UN invitation.

Thursday night, the feeling among delegates is that Peiping's rejection has placed the burden of finding a new way to ease the tension squarely on the shoulders of the nine Commonwealth leaders.

EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT

Most of the statesmen dined Thursday night with Prime Minister Churchill and expressed their bitter disappointment at Peiping's action.

Authoritative sources described Communist China's demand for the exclusion of the Nationalists from the Security Council as "an impossible condition."

A British foreign office spokesman said Peiping's answer made the British government "deeply disappointed."

Least surprised of all the statesmen at the Peiping reaction was

Princess Delighted With Serenading By Steel Band

By HAIG NICHOLSON

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, (Reuters) — Princess Margaret clapped her hands and shouted with glee here Thursday when a calypso band serenaded her with old garbage can lids, oil drums and car parts.

Instrumentalists of the band—known locally as a "steel band"—pounded out a specially-composed "royal calypso" in honor of the princess who arrived here two days ago to begin a month-long tour of the British West Indies.

The band performed at Port of Spain's ancient town hall after the princess had driven there in state through the city to receive an address of welcome.

EXPRESSED DELIGHT

Margaret grinned widely and expressed her delight to Mayor John Hutchinson. "Oh, good. I'm so glad you have a steel band," she said.

She developed a taste for steel band music at a colorful, noisy carnival staged for her Wednesday night by hundreds of island musicians and dancers on the grounds of Government House, where she is staying during her four-day visit here.

An enthusiastic crowd of 100,000 roared a greeting at her as she drove to the town hall at the head of a motorcade of shiny black limousines. She sat in a car with Governor Sir Hubert Rance.

RAIN SCATTERS CROWDS

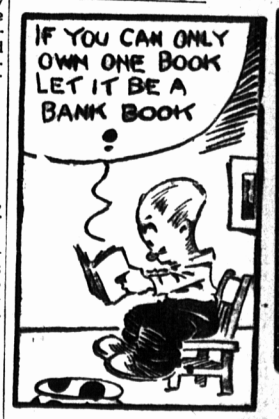
Just before she set out on her hour-long state drive, a torrential downpour sent the waiting crowds dashing for shelter.

From shelter, the crowds sent up a cheer for the crew of the Royal Navy frigate Bigbury Bay. The sailors stood firm in their positions along the route despite the rain, which glued their light-weight uniforms to their skins.

The sun reappeared within a few minutes—just in time for the crowds to hustle back to their vantage points to cheer the 24-year-old princess.

Flushed with excitement and pleasure, she smiled and bowed to the crowds.

She leaves on Saturday for neighboring Tobago, and then will head north through the Leeward and Windward islands.



TORONTO (CP) — Minimum-maximum temperatures:

	Min	Max
Dawson	14b	10b
Vancouver	36	42
Victoria	40	41
Edmonton	13	38
Calgary	14	37
Regina	13	10
Winnipeg	2b	18
Toronto	9b	18
Ottawa	18b	10
Montreal	8b	4
Quebec	11b	4
Fredericton	21b	25
Saint John	12b	19
Moncton	8b	25
Halifax	1	25
Charlottetown	7b	28
Sydney	1	31
Yarmouth	5	22
St. John's	—	29

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion weather office here says a large and strong high pressure area centred over the Great Lakes will cause northerly winds to continue over eastern Canada. These winds will gradually bring colder and drier air to the district.

Forecasts:

Prince Edward Island: Clear with a few cloudy intervals and widely scattered snowflurries, mild; northerly winds 20. Low-high at Charlottetown 28 and 30.

New Brunswick: Clear with a few cloudy intervals; colder; north winds 20. Low-high at Moncton 22 and 27, Fredericton seven and 28, Saint John 16 and 25, Edmundston 10 and 20, Campbellton 10 and 22.

Bay of Fundy: Northerly winds 20; snowflurries; visibility 10 miles lowering in flurries to two miles; temperatures in the upper 20s.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 8.55 a. m. and 7.59 p. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 7.30 a. m. and sets at 5.24 p. m.

Still Below Peacetime Record

Soviets Boost Defence Bill

By STANLEY JOHNSON

MOSCOW (AP)—The U. S. S. R. government presented to the Supreme Soviet (parliament) Thursday a 1955 budget containing a 12 per-cent-increase in military expenditures.

The forecast defence outlay for 1955 is 112,100,000,000 rubles. This does not represent a record. It is almost two billion rubles below the 1952 peacetime high. But the total estimated budget expenditures of almost 563,000,000,000 rubles is a new high.

Western diplomats point out it is difficult to break down the Soviet budget and determine just what is and what is not military expenditure, since the state owns all means of production. Many items which in other countries would be charged off to military expense are listed differently in a Soviet budget.

The ruble is quoted officially at 25 cents, which would mean a Soviet defence outlay of $28,000,000,000, an increase of three billion dollars over last year.

BUDGET FOR SURPLUS

Finance Minister Arseny G. Zverev, speaking under the glare of television lights, announced the total national revenue of 1955 is estimated at 589,600,000,000 rubles and total expenditures would be 562,900,000,000 rubles, leaving a surplus of 26,70,000,000.

Of this, he said, 112,100,000,000 rubles would go for defence purposes, or 20 per cent of the total budget. This was an increase of about 12,000,000,000 rubles over last year. In 1954 and 1953 the Soviet government announced cuts in its defence budgets calling them budgets "of peace," but the 1952 outlay, adopted in the last year of Stalin, was almost 114,000,000,000 rubles.

"Strengthening the economic might and defence capacity" of the Soviet Union is the nation's first task, Zverev said.

"Our main task in the sphere of international relations is strengthening the cause of peace," Zverev said. "But nothing has happened in the international situation which would give us the opportunity to reduce our defensive capacity. That is why we have to spend so much to promote the further strengthening of our military forces."

Critics Blast African Policy

May Oust Mendes-France

By HARVEY HUDSON

PARIS (AP) — Premier Pierre Mendes-France's cabinet, the 20th French government since the Second World War liberation, tottered Thursday night.

Former Premier Rene Mayer touched off the crisis. He broke sharply with Mendes-France on North African policy, dividing the Radical Socialist party with a speech believed almost certain to spell the cabinet's downfall.

Mendes - France, in office just more than seven months, faces one of his sternest tests in the present bitter assembly debate on North Africa and the split in his own party will cost votes he can hardly spare.

UNEASY TRUCE ENDS

Mendes-France and Mayer are members of the loosely-knit Radical (moderate) Socialists, who count 76 deputies in the assembly. Mendes-France is a spokesman for the left wing. Mayer is a leader of the right wing. He was elected to Parliament from Algeria, which is officially classed as a part of France herself.

Although the two men never have been close friends, the party has stuck together up to now in support of Mendes-France for political reasons.

Thursday Mayer announced the end of this uneasy truce and it is believed he can swing 20 to 30 Radical Socialist votes with him. Without these votes, Mendes-France probably cannot win the crucial North African test.

Mendes-France still will have his chance to reply. The vote is not expected before the early hours of Saturday and there has been some talk of putting it off until Monday. Mendes - France, by his forceful personality and powers of persuasion, has been able to talk himself out of some tight spots before. But this one seemed almost too tight.

IRON WILL NEEDED

Mayer asserted the goal must be toward a greater co-operation between Frenchmen and Moslems, with France showing iron will not to give in to anything which might lead to a French exodus from North Africa.

"Can the present government, in view of its contradictions and the psychological errors which it has made, be counted on to give to our fellow citizens of Algeria the feeling that it has the will to reach this double goal?" Mayer asked.

"That is the question which must be answered at the end of this debate. My mind is made up and my reply is negative."