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# VAN FLEET DECLARES GREAT VICTORY WON OVER REDS

## Duplessis Held Responsible In Restaurateur Suit Lull Continues Along Front For Fifth Day

### Quebec Makes Agreement Covering Pensions At 65

QUEBEC, May 2 — (CP) — The Quebec Government has reached agreement with the Federal authorities on a constitutional proposal covering a system of old age pensions at 65, it was learned today unofficially.

The agreement between the Federal and Quebec governments covers phrasing of the proposed constitutional amendment. Ottawa-Quebec discussions have recently revolved around this point.

For the present, proposals for an indirect sales tax of three per cent by which the Provinces would have financed their share of the pension plan have been put aside.

Under the pension proposals, Federal and Provincial governments would share the cost of 40-a-month pensions, extended on a means-test basis, to persons aged 65 to 69.

The Federal Government alone would pay the cost of pensions aged 70 and more without means test.

The constitutional amendment proposal agreed upon by Ottawa and Quebec would authorize the Parliament of Canada to pass legislation concerning old age pensions without prejudice to provincial rights in this field.

The amendment would declare specifically that Federal legislation would not affect present or future provincial legislation dealing with old age pensions.

### Coming Events

- \*Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- \*Dance Millview Hall Friday, May 4th.
- \*See Ma and Pa Kettle in Tracada Hall, Friday, May 4th.
- \*Card Party Stanley Bridge school, Friday, May 4th.
- \*Farmers' Book your Clover Seeds now. McGuigan & Boyle.
- \*Mixed Seed, 70% Timothy, 30% Clover. 26 cents. McGuigan & Boyle.
- \*Will be unloading lime next week. Book your orders now. L. D. MacLeod and Sons, Victoria.
- \*Indian River—Kensington Play Seven Mile Bay Hall, Friday, March 4th, 8.30 sharp.
- \*Seeds: Store open daily, also Monday and Thursday evenings until 9 P. M. Arthur Vessey, York.
- \*Show in New London Hall, Friday, May 4th. Silks and Sulkies, Royal Wedding, and other films!
- \*Dance in Elliott Hall, May 3rd. McNeill's Orchestra, Proceeds in aid of Ringwood W. I.
- \*Come to the Hunter River Orange Hall and see the Crapaud variety concert, Thursday, May 3.
- \*Regular Friday night dance in the Home Name Hall, St. Peter's Bay, Friday, May 4th. Chaisson's Orchestra.
- \*Notice to the public: Crown bread retailing at all groceries, sliced or unsliced, 14 cents per loaf.
- \*Irishtown Hall, Friday evening, May 4th, Kelvin Grove One-Act plays, Specialties. Sponsored by Irishtown, W. I.
- \*Hunter River's entry in Provincial Drama Festival, "The Valiant", will be presented in the Masonic Hall, Hunter River, May 14th.
- \*All persons having Lottery Books for St. Andrew's Lottery, please return, sold or unsold before May 13th, to Mrs. Romuald MacDonald, Mt. Stewart.
- \*In Stock. Bran, Shoria, Dairy Concentrate, Asphalt, Shingles, Barb Wire, Clover Seeds, Registered Turnip Seed, W. I. Bowman, Hunter River.
- \*All contestants from Hunter River and surrounding school districts are requested to forward applications to secretary of Women's Institute for the Shur-Gain Amateur Contest to be held May 9.
- \*See the play in Fort Augustus Hall, Friday, May 4th, at 8.30, presented by the Dromore Players in aid of the Parish. If you got trouble, you'll forget them, if you haven't you'll be better worry because you'll die laughing! Dance after Play.

### Ordered To Pay \$8,123; Says He Will Appeal

MONTREAL, May 2 — (CP) — Premier Maurice Duplessis of Quebec was held personally responsible today for the cancellation of Frank Roncarelli's liquor licence and ordered to pay the Montreal restaurateur owner \$8,123.53.

The Premier, at Quebec City, said he would appeal.

The court action arose from Roncarelli's \$50,000 claim that because of his sympathies with the Jehovah's Witnesses religious sect, the Premier intervened without cause. The licence was cancelled Dec. 4, 1946.

Mr. Justice C. G. Mackinnon of Superior Court held that the Premier, ordering the Quebec Liquor Commission chairman to cancel the licence, acted outside the statutory functions of his office as Premier and Attorney-General.

His Lordship said Premier Duplessis "committed a fault and unauthorized act causing damages for which he should be held personally liable."

The judgment also assessed costs against the Premier and interest from the date of judgment.

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### News In Brief

- PARIS, May 2 — (Reuters) — The Western foreign ministers' deputies tonight offered Russia three last-chance draft agendas for a projected full-scale Big Four meeting — and Russian delegate Andrei Gromyko said he liked none of them. The possibility loomed that the nine-week wrangle between Russia and the West may end in failure.
- TEL AVIV, Israel, May 2 — (CP) — Official Israel sources claimed that heavy fighting broke out today between Israeli and Syrian troops in the disputed frontier zone north of the Sea of Galilee and several hours later the Syrians were driven out.
- BOSTON, May 2 — (AP) — Thousands of acres of wood and brush lands and numerous buildings were burned in New England forest fires today. Most hazardous blaze was at Winchester, N.H., in the southwest corner of the state.
- HUBBARDS, N.S., May 2 — (CP) — A searing forest fire chewed throughout woodlands beside the edges of three villages in this Nova Scotia vacation-land tonight but no lives were in danger.
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- Fishermen were forced to snatch their tackle, boats and other equipment to safety. At North-west Cove, families stood by with buckets of water, pumps, hoses and various other anti-fire weapons in case the fire should spread.
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### Choral Reading Warmly Received At Music Festival

Choral reading, classes of which are being held for the first time in this year's Festival of Music, met with a hearty response yesterday as they were heard in competition in this Province for the first time.

In addition to secular poems, scripture reading is included in the classes, and it is understood that the splendid reception given the contestants by the audience will ensure choral reading of a place in future festivals. Brought to this country from England, the practice of having a group of children read in unison can be most effectively done.

Miss Helen M. Yao adjudicated these classes and offered many helpful suggestions to the competitors.

Winners of classes held throughout the day and evening were as follows:

Morning

(P.W.C.) Class 100, Piano Solo (10 years and under) "The Boat" (1) Virginia McDougall, Charlottetown, 84 marks; (2) Roberta Lap-

pin, Charlottetown, 83 marks, and (3) Susan Whiteside, Charlottetown, 82 marks.

Class 101, Piano Solo (11 years and under) (1) Patricia Grant, Summerside, 85 marks; (2) Austina Kennedy, R.R. 1, 84 marks, and (3) Marina Kays, Charlottetown, 83 marks.

The above session was presided over by Mrs. J. J. Hayley, with Mrs. Austin Kennedy acting as Platform Secretary.

(Empire Theatre) Class 57, Girl's Solo (15 years and under) "Cloud Shadows" (1) Carroll Elderkin, Summerside, 84 marks; (2) Janet Skinner, South Winsloe, 83 marks, and (3) Jean Bevan, Charlottetown, 82 marks.

Class 105 — Piano Solo (15 years and under) — "Parade of the Grasshoppers" (1) Pauline Noonan, Charlottetown, 82 marks; (2) Angus MacLaren, Charlottetown, 81 marks, and (3) Billy Cameron, Summerside, 80 marks.

These classes were presided over by Mrs. M. F. Rodd, with Mrs. Ernest Foster as Platform Secretary. Mrs. J. L. Curran was in charge of (Continued on Page 5 Col. 3)

## U.S. Controls May Mean Lower Beef Prices Here

OTTAWA, May 2 — (CP) — Government meat experts said today that a United States price control program for beef—if it works—may lead to lower beef prices in Canadian butcher shops.

But they doubted whether initial price ceilings announced by the United States last Saturday will do more than follow seasonal price trends for those products.

"The ceilings will have to be lower than those announced if there is to be any material reduction in beef prices," one authority said.

(In Washington, a U. S. Senate agriculture committee said today that the Government's price control order on beef will cause "a severe meat famine leading to early rationing.") It adopted a resolution calling for repeal of the order "without delay."

Price Program

Under the American price-control program, retail prices for beef will be cut four to five cents a pound Aug. 1 and again by the same amount Oct. 1, making a total roll-back of 10 cents a pound at the butcher shop.

Beef, however, usually is more plentiful in the fall than at any time of the year. And this is the time when prices normally decline.

The experts believed the roll-back would about equal the normal seasonal price drop. As the price rises sharply again during the winter months, they felt that if the U. S. continues to hold the fall price line during the winter, then there may be some consumer savings on both sides of the border.

Geared To U. S. Levels

Canada's beef prices have been geared to American levels since Canada lifted the embargo on cattle shipments to the U. S. five years ago.

Canadian beef is attracted by high American prices. About 20 per cent of all beef marketed by Canada—or the equivalent of about 600,000 head of cattle and calves a year—goes into the American market.

This year Canadian meat marketings have declined and experts estimate there may be about 10 per cent less beef for sale by Canada this year than the 2,129,000,000 pounds last year.

What impact this decline will have on prices isn't known. It will depend on American production, American demand and American price controls.

Lower per capita beef consumption in both Canada and the United States hasn't prevented prices from climbing. Sirloin steak, which sold at about 70 cents a pound retail a year ago, now is selling at 90 cents a pound or better.

## Federal Gov't To Aid In Forest Conservation

OTTAWA, May 2 — (CP) — Long-term Federal aid for building Canada's forest resources was announced today in the Commons.

Resources Minister Winters made public a program of Treasury contributions towards the cost of Provincial Government forest inventories and reforestation of crown lands. The expected Federal cost is around \$1,000,000 a year.

The Government will share on a 50-50 basis the cost of the inventories, expected to take about five years, and will pay 25 per cent of the cost of "reasonable" programs of reforesting crown lands, providing the provincial expenditure each year is not less than the average spending of the last three years.

Aim of the plan, launched under the Federal Forestry Act of 1949, is to help restock Canadian timber resources to the point where the annual replacement will be at least equal to depletion by cutting and other reduction.

The Provincial Governments, which have direct jurisdiction over the forests, have agreed to go along with the program. Some already are conducting their own inventories. Mr. Winters said details of the joint plan will be discussed here shortly at a Federal-Provincial conference of ministers.

Money will be made available for both types of Federal contribution in the current fiscal year. Mr. Winters said Parliament will be asked to vote funds at the present session.

Mr. Winters told the House that, in his discussions with the Provincial Government, all concerned were agreed that replacement must match depletion.

George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, said he was sure members would welcome Mr. Winters' announcement.

Mr. Drew suggested the Government consider adopting fire-fighting methods which have proved valuable in the United States. The Americans were dropping highly-trained fire-fighters by parachute to stop fires. Chemical bombs dropped from helicopters also were effective.

WASHINGTON, April 27 — (AP) — President Truman has officially proclaimed Sunday, May 13, as Mother's Day. His proclamation directed that the flag be displayed on all public buildings in recognition of the day.

### Add New Fuel In MacArthur, Truman Dispute

By Don Whitehead

WASHINGTON, May 2 — (AP) — The MacArthur-Truman dispute blew wide open today with the release of a secret report on the Wake Island meeting and a Republican drive to force an open hearing for Gen. Douglas MacArthur's explanation of his Asian policies.

Developments came in rapid-fire order:

1. Republican Senators fought to strip the secrecy from MacArthur's behind-doors testimony tomorrow before the Senate armed services and foreign relations committees.

2. A report from the Joint Chiefs of Staff quoted MacArthur as telling President Truman last October at Wake Island that he did not believe the Chinese Communists would enter the Korean war. MacArthur also was represented as saying that Russia had no ground troops available for Korea but could put 1,000 planes into combat.

The secret report, released by the Senate armed services and foreign relations committees, was labelled the "substance of statements made at Wake Island conference."

## Bren Gun May Be On Way Out

OTTAWA, May 2 — (CP) — The Bren gun, popular light machine gun manufactured in Canada and used by Canadian soldiers through the last war, may be on its way out in favor of the American Browning automatic.

Britain announced today she is abandoning the Bren. Canada is reported likely to follow suit although some authorities feel she should try to get the Americans to make it the standard light machine-gun for North American armies.

The Bren—invented in Czechoslovakia and modified and produced in large quantities here in the last war—is one weapon some officials feel Canada shouldn't part with in her switch to U. S. arms for the army.

No announcement has been made here that the Bren is to go and officials say no final decision has been made.

## Shah Signs Bill Taking Over Anglo-Iranian Co.

By ROBERT B. HEWETT

TEHRAN, Iran, May 2 — (AP) — Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi today signed the act seizing the giant British-controlled Anglo-Iranian Oil Company today even as British and American envoys sought to keep the doors open for further negotiations.

The Shah acted after British Ambassador Sir Francis Shepherd called on him, presumably to urge that he try to persuade the aging nationalist Premier, Mohammed Mossadegh, to follow a moderate course in executing the law. The Shah has no veto and had no recourse to sign the law.

Previously, Sir Francis talked for an hour with Mossadegh. He gave the Premier a written memorandum protesting nationalization of the \$500,000,000 company and urging further negotiations for a friendly settlement. The British Government owns about 32 per cent of the giant oil company's common stock.

An American Ambassador Henry F. Grady also conferred with Mossadegh, seeking to probe the shadowy future of American assistance programs in strategic Iran.

In the background of the diplomats' action was a huge May Day demonstration in Parliament Square by 30,000 persons Tuesday, at which the biggest shouts were for Russia.

The United States has sent a 25-man military advisory mission, shipped in unannounced quantities of tanks and arms, granted \$500,000 for "point four" technical assistance and offered a \$25,000,000 export-import bank loan.

LONDON, May 2 — (Reuters) — Britain goes on show tomorrow in a gallant bid to rise above war scars, international anxiety and economic hardship.

From the steps of Saint Paul's Cathedral the King will open and dedicate the Festival of Britain.

From that moment, all Britain will be "at home" to visitors from many parts for the next six months.

Towns and hamlets throughout the United Kingdom—10,000 of them—will play a part in the celebrations.

There are two reasons for the festival, sponsored by the Labor Government against a wave of criticism. One is that this year is the centenary of the great exhibition of 1851. Second is to show that Britain is still bold in enterprise and has faith in her future.

The King and Queen will drive to St. Paul's in a glittering state coach, surrounded by a

## Starch Factory Problem Still Not Settled

By DON HUTH

TOKYO, May 2 — (Thursday) — (AP) — A great Allied victory in the first round of the Communist spring offensive was proclaimed Wednesday. But even heavier Red assaults are expected.

"The enemy has failed in the first phase of his offensive," said Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet, Allied ground commander in Korea. "He has paid a heavy price. The first part of the battle has ended in a great victory for the United Nations."

However, Van Fleet cautioned: "He (the Reds) has the capability of hitting again as hard as before or harder. I am confident the results will be the same."

Lull In Fifth Day

The lull on the battlefield moved into its fifth day today. Five Allied tank patrols probed north of their lines on the western and west-central sectors. They met little or no resistance.

Since throwing their infantry masses into the offensive April 22, the Chinese and North Korean Reds have suffered an estimated 75,000 casualties against furious Allied resistance.

Soldiers Have Rest

So pronounced was the lull that many soldiers shucked warm battle clothing and went swimming in the Han.

One frontline officer commented: "If we can have just a few more days of quiet like this, our men will be completely rested. This lull has done wonders for morale. This certainly beats climbing hills."

The lull didn't apply to the Reds. Fighters and light bombers of the United States Fifth Air Force rained fire and steel on the regrouping Communists and their supply lines.

Pilots reported destroying 115 rail cars and damaging 230. Fifth Air Force planes flew their 125,000th sortie since the outbreak of the Korean war last June 25.

The Reds pressed their reinforcement and supply efforts in the face of Allied domination of the air. More than 2,000 trucks were spotted streaming southward from Manchuria Tuesday night.

## Steel Production

OTTAWA, May 2 — (CP) — March production of steel ingots reached an all-time monthly peak of 304,281 tons compared with 287,719 in March last year, the Bureau of Statistics reported today. Previous high was 299,410 tons in January this year.

The March output brought the total for the first three months of the year to 874,913 tons—six per cent above last year's corresponding total of 828,503.

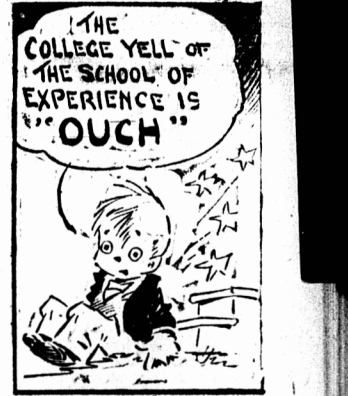
## Lavish Ceremonies Will Mark Festival Opening

LONDON, May 2 — (Reuters) — pageantry of British tradition. As the King declares the festival open, church bells in every town and village will ring. A royal salute will be fired in the historic Tower of London.

The limelight will fall brightly on the Nottinghamshire village of Trowell (population 360), chosen as the festival village—the village which best typifies British rural life. There will be cricket and Shakespeare on the village green.

The beach resort of Brighton will play host to people from the 40 other Brightons scattered around the world—in Alabama, Nova Scotia, Australia, Ontario, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. Other towns are also strengthening overseas ties.

Towns famous in the history books will stage colorful pageants. Lady Godiva will ride the streets of Coventry again, and William the Conqueror will return to Hastings.



TORONTO, May 2 — (CP) — Minimum temperatures observed between 7.30 p.m. and 7.30 a.m. EST: maximum temperatures between 7.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. EST:

Victoria 43, 62; Edmonton 44, 44; Calgary 36, 49; Regina 46, 58; Winnipeg 58, 76; Toronto 49, 79; Ottawa 46, 68; Montreal 48, 63; Quebec 42, 54; Moncton 28, 43; Halifax 32, 53; Charlottetown 26, 37; Sydney 32, 37; Yarmouth 40, 50.

HALIFAX, May 2 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office and valid until midnight Thursday.

Synopsis: Little change in the weather is expected Thursday. Cloud has spread into the western regions and this will keep temperatures slightly lower than Wednesday.

Forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with scattered snowflurries. Very cool. Early morning frost. North-easterly winds 20. Low and high Thursday at Charlottetown, 28 and 40.

High tide today at 8.56 A. M. and 9.29 P. M. Sun rises at 5.01 A. M. and sets at 7.20 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

MCA AIR SERVICE

Lv. Charlottetown for Moncton 5:50 A.M.—11:20 A.M.—4:45 P.M. Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:40 A.M.—1:25 P.M.—6:55 P.M.

Lv. Charlottetown for New Glasgow — Halifax 7:55 A.M. New Glasgow only: 1:40 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax Ar. Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax 4:20 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.

Charlottetown — Sydney flights every Monday, Wednesday, Friday

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINI FERRY SERVICE

Leave Borden Leave C. T. 9:10 A.M. 11:30 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 3:35 P.M. 4:30 P.M. 8:25 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Borden Leave C. T. 6:45 P.M. 8:00 P.M.