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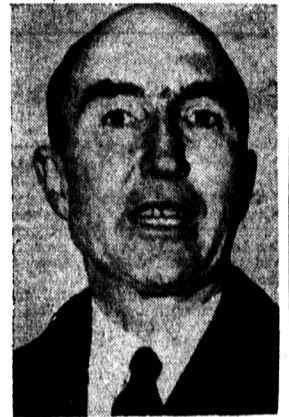
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OPPOSITION SPEAKERS DEMAND BROAD DEFENCE INQUIRY

'Flu Closes Schools In 14 Texas Towns

Gen. Mark Clark Backs Up Warning To Russia Re-Planes Over Japan

Ambassador To U.S.



Sir Roger Makin, who crossed the Atlantic with Prime Minister Churchill, now vacationing in Jamaica, presented his credentials to President Truman in Washington as new British ambassador to the U.S. Sir Roger succeeds Sir Oliver Franks.

Duplessis Plans Commission

QUEBEC, Jan. 13 (CP) — Premier Duplessis today proposed the setting up of a royal commission to inquire into federal-provincial relations.

In the bill, given first reading today by the Legislative Assembly, Quebec's Union National Government proposes to set up the commission to study:

- "1. The problem of the distribution of taxes between the central power, the provinces, municipalities and school corporations.
 - "2. Encroachments by the central power in the field of direct taxation . . . in matters of income and corporation tax and succession duties.
 - "3. The repercussions and results of such encroachments in the legislative and administrative rights of the province and in the collective, domestic and individual life of its people.
 - "4. Constitutional problems of a legislative and financial nature in general."
- The proposed inquiry is another step in Premier Duplessis' fight against what he has repeatedly called "invasion of provincial rights by Ottawa."
- Quebec is the only province which has not signed a taxation agreement with the Federal Government.

SAINT JOHN LAWYER DIES

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 13 (CP) — Horace A. Porter, QC, 73, well known Saint John lawyer, died at his home in nearby Rotherly tonight. He had been in failing health since last May.

Coming Events

- *Rummage Sale at Y. M. C. A. Saturday, 2:30 P. M.
- *Auction and Dance. Millview Hall every Friday.
- *Troyon Baptist Church Annual Meeting, Thursday, January 15th, at 2:00 P. M.
- *Dance, Emerald Hall, Friday, January 16th. Good music. Lunch served.
- *Monthly Meeting Crapaud, Victoria Board of Trade, Wednesdays, January 14th, in Crapaud Hall.
- *Buying Pigs Wednesday at Railway stock pens. Paying 16 cents per pound for pigs 40 to 50 pounds. Willard Prowse, Crapaud.
- *In stock. Feed Molasses, Cod Oil, all kinds poultry equipment. Booking chicks daily. Dillon & Spillett.
- *Try our Purina Finance plan, for feeding your hogs and chicks. Dillon & Spillett.
- *Hockey at North River rink, Wednesday, January 14th. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs. Glasgow Road Maple Leafs. Game time 8:30. Skate after.

Disease Appears Mild; No Deaths Are Reported

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 13 (AP) — Spreading influenza outbreaks were reported over the midwestern and southwestern United States today with Texas apparently the hardest hit.

Schools in at least 14 Texas towns were closed and dozens of other communities were considering closing their schools. None of the closings were in the major cities.

Dr. George Cox, Texas state health officer, said it was too early to say there was a statewide epidemic, but he said the outbreaks had reached epidemic proportions at some places.

The influenza report: centre in an area extending from Indiana through Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

In some parts of Missouri and New Mexico the outbreaks apparently were easing off. The disease appeared to be of a mild form, and no deaths have been reported.

While the situation appeared to be easing somewhat at Kansas City—only 18 classrooms in the school system were without teachers compared with 49 yesterday—almost 20 per cent of the city's 60,000 public school students were absent. There were 15 per cent of the students out of classes at nearby Leavenworth, Kan. Other Eastern Kansas communities reported similar absenteeism.

New Mexico health authorities identified the virus as "A-prime flu."

Thus far, reports of absenteeism have been centred in schools. There has been no indication that industry has been hampered in the affected area, and there were no reported plans for closings other than the schools.

N. S. Legislature To Open Feb. 3

HALIFAX, Jan. 13 (CP) — The third and possibly last session of Nova Scotia's 44th Legislature will open Tuesday, Feb. 3, it was announced today.

The present House, dominated by Premier Angus L. Macdonald and his 26 Liberal followers, was elected in June, 1949, and although it could legally continue for five years, elections are usually held every four. June is a favorite election month.

Progressive Conservatives form the official Opposition with eight members and the CCF has two. There are no vacancies.

It will be the first legislature opening for Lieutenant-Governor Allister Fraser, the New Glasgow native who several months ago succeeded J. A. D. McCurdy.

There was no immediate word on who would move and second the reply to the Speech from the Throne and no indication of possible legislation.

The Opposition, however, is likely to continue its attacks on Liberal management. During the last session they sparked probes which uncovered several controversial issues in the public accounts committee.

Wreck of Warship Sinks Freighter

LONDON, Jan. 13 (Reuters) — Hitler's once-mighty Gneisenau, scourge of the Allied wartime shipping lanes, sent another vessel to the bottom today. A little Swedish freighter, Gullö, 308 tons, sank after crashing into the partly submerged hulk of the 26,000-ton battleship lying where she was sunk by the RAF in the Kattegat in 1945.

Red Rail Network Is Pulverized In Raid

By George McArthur
SEOUL, Jan. 14 (Wednesday) — (AP)—Allied night troops struck the Sinanju transport area a pulverizing blow Tuesday with a 440-plane, around-the-clock assault on the Communist supply artery for the Korean war front.

This seventh heavy attack in five days on the Northwestern Korean rail and bridge network came as U. S. Eighth Army officers disclosed that two fresh Chinese Communist armies are on the western front.

The 440 fighter-bombers streaked through vicious Red anti-aircraft fire for low-level attacks that wreathed marshalling yards and bridges in smoke and flames.

It is through Sinanju that the Reds siphon supplies from Manchuria by way of three rail lines south to the western and central fronts.

The attack was the heaviest since August on a single target.

Morning and afternoon raids of

Fishing Cove Breakwater And Wharf Tenders Called

OTTAWA, Jan. 13 (Special) — Tenders were called today by the Federal Public Works department for construction of an extension to a breakwater and a wharf at Fishing Cove in Prince County. The project is expected to cost about \$50,000, and an award will be made shortly after tenders close on January 28.

Some three years ago, a breakwater and small wharf was built at Fishing Cove. It was found however, that these works failed to give adequate protection for fishing boats using the harbor, and J. Watson MacNaught Liberal member for Prince, recommended that the works be repaired and extended.

Canada Cuts Down Cheese Production

OTTAWA, Jan. 13 (CP) — Canada cut her cheese production sharply during 1952, but boosted both her production and consumption of creamery butter, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.

Margarine output was just slightly higher than in 1951.

Cheddar cheese factories cut production to 65,221,000 pounds, down more than 20,000,000 pounds from 85,260,000 in 1951.

Output of creamery butter jumped to 280,970,000 pounds from 257,604,000 in 1951, while consumption rose to 274,694,000 from 268,978,000.

Margarine production increased to 105,591,000 pounds, up from 105,151,000. Stocks on Jan. 1 were lower at 2,740,000 pounds, compared with 3,244,000 on Jan. 1, 1952.

Output of concentrated milk products increased to 468,796,000 pounds, up from 434,524,000 in the previous year.

Marriage At Cape Breton Jail

SYDNEY, Jan. 13 (CP) — Cape Breton County jail, which gained attention because of its waiting list through overcrowding last year, had another first today.

A marriage ceremony was performed in the jail.

Ralph Albert Fabian Connolly, 24, a native of Glace Bay but a resident of Toronto in recent years, was married to Irene Ruby Kyle, 18, of Prince Albert, Ont.

Connolly will be taken to Dorchester Penitentiary this week to begin serving a four year term for his part in a Dec. 14 safe robbery. Two companions also were given prison terms.

Miss Kyle was one of three women who also pleaded guilty to the robbery. They were placed on suspended sentence for two years.

Future Of Brodie Twins Still Doubtful

CHICAGO, Jan. 13 (AP) — The Brodie Siamese twins are nearing the end of their first month as separate individuals, but their chance for survival still is a big medical question mark.

Rodney Dee, the stronger, is responding well after two plastic procedures to build a skin cover over his exposed brain. However about a quarter of his brain top still is bare and he will remain on the critical list until it is completely covered, and the danger of infection is removed.

Roger Lee has been unconscious since the 15-month-old head-joined twins were separated in a day-long operation Dec. 17. Doctors have expressed amazement that he continues to live.

Doctors found only one membranous brain cover and one main brain drainage vein serving both twins and they gave them to Rodney in the separation operation because he was the stronger.

Roger's entire brain top is unprotected by living tissue, but a plastic cap is serving as a substitute.

Soviet Press Demands Execution Of 9 Doctors

MOSCOW, Jan. 13 (AP) — Soviet newspapers today demanded a swift trial and execution for nine doctors charged with killing two Russian leaders and trying to kill others. The Government said most of the nine in the "terrorist group" were tied up with a Jewish organization, and all were linked with British and U. S. spying.

An official announcement—broadcast and discussed all over the Soviet Union today—said the doctors had admitted ending the lives of Andrei Zhdanov and Alexander Scherbakov through faulty treatment of heart ailments. Zhdanov, a leading Politburo member, died four years ago at 52. Scherbakov died seven years ago at 44. He was head of the army's political administration.

The official accusation said the nine doctors tried to weaken Soviet defences by treating three marshals, one general of the army and an admiral so that they would eventually die. Others not immediately named also were declared marked for death.

Moscow was struck by the statement that the plot was carried out on instructions from British and American Intelligence Services and Zionist organizations. There were angry demands for "stern" (Continued on page 15 col. 1)

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Claxton Gives Rebuttal To Currie Report

OTTAWA, Jan. 13 (CP) — Spokesmen for the official Opposition and for the CCF tonight demanded a broad defence inquiry despite assurances from Defence Minister Claxton that his Department has or is doing most of the things recommended in the Currie report.

Mr. Claxton, delivering the Government's main rebuttal to the report, pledged that there will be no scapegoats as a result of disclosures in the report.

Major-Gen. G. R. Peakes, V.C., military spokesman for the Progressive Conservative Party, charged the government with attempts to "belittle and ridicule" the report, prepared by George S. Currie, head of a Montreal firm of chartered accountants and a former deputy minister of defence.

Mr. Claxton, speaking on a motion to re-establish the Commons committee on defence expenditures, moved that priority be given to study of the report.

Gen. Peakes, stating there is no need for an inquiry into the report, moved that Mr. Currie be reappointed to conduct further inquiries into "all aspects of the organization, accounting and administration in the Department of National Defence."

The motion of Gen. Peakes was ruled out of order by Speaker Ross Macdonald on the ground that it was foreign to the main motion for establishment of the defence committee.

Stanley Knowles (CCF-Winnipeg North Centre), acting leader of his party, criticized the "military" and the chief of the General Staff—Lt.-Gen. Guy Simonds—for what he described as an "arrogant and domineering" attitude "in this whole affair."

In a democracy, he said, the military should be the servants and not the masters of the state.

News In Brief

ROME, Jan. 13 (Reuters) — Italy's Communist-led railroad unions brought the national rail system to a virtual standstill today with a 24-hour strike calculated to demonstrate Red strength before the approaching federal elections.

EDMONTON, Jan. 13 (CP) — Stanley Trutch today was sentenced to seven years in penitentiary on a charge of attempted murder. The 54-year-old Edmonton grocer admitted in court yesterday that he shot wife, Dakynne, in the chest Oct. 22. The woman recovered after eight days in hospital.

BELGRADE, Jan. 13 (AP) — Yugoslavia's Parliament adopted unanimously today a new constitution setting up a two-house system of government and paving the way for re-election by the lawmakers—probably tomorrow—of Marshal Tito as the country's first president.

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HULL, Que., Jan. 13 (CP) — Rolland Charbonneau, 24-year-old Perkins Mills, Que., farmer, went on trial here today on charge of murdering his 15-month-old son as the infant lay crying in his bed last Nov. 9.

The baby died in hospital at Buckingham, Que., 20 miles northeast of here, less than 24 hours after being shot with a .22-calibre rifle. Charbonneau was held criminally responsible for the infant's death at an inquest at Buckingham and has been held in custody since his formal arrest Nov. 12.

Crown Attorney Avila Labelle and defence counsel Francois Chevallerie took only 30 minutes to select a jury. Evidence was given that on the evening of Nov. 8, Charbonneau had been drinking in a hotel at Perkins Mills, but a witness said that, in his opinion, he was not drunk.

Rene Paiement, Perkins Mills taxi driver, testified that he drove Charbonneau, his wife and the wounded baby to hospital on the early morning of Nov. 9. Charbonneau had urged him to hurry as the baby had been hurt accidentally.

The witness said Charbonneau, in explaining the injury, told him the child was shot while he was taking his rifle from the wall in a room below the children's bedroom. Mrs. Charbonneau had seen an animal passing the window outside the house, the accused claimed, and he intended shooting it.

Dr. Paul Emile Labelle of Buckingham, testified that the child's death was caused by a bullet wound in the left lung.

Tells C.P.R. New Rates Schedule May Backfire; Nationalization Seen

OTTAWA, Jan. 13 (CP) — A Canadian Federation of Agriculture spokesman today criticized the Canadian Pacific Railway's move for a new freight rate system, contending it would backfire by threatening the C.P.R. with nationalization.

Dr. E. C. Hope, economist for the 400,000-farmer group told the Board of Transport Commissioners the proposal would start a "pyramid" of rate increases that would bring "disintegration" of the C.P.R.'s rail business.

Criticism of the plan came, too, from George S. Goldthwaite, New York public utilities consultant, who said it would open the way for "inflated" claims for higher rail charges and would add new complexities to Canada's complicated freight rate setup.

Mr. Goldthwaite testified on behalf of the eight provincial governments—all except Ontario and Quebec—that are opposing the C.P.R.'s application to have the board allow it a stated annual return on its rail investment, substantially higher than what the company now earns.

Under the C. P. R. plan, rates could be adjusted up or down freely within the earnings ceiling with the other railways following the suit of the "yardstick" Canadian Pacific. At present, the board allows rates changes from time to time on the basis of the periodic financial requirements of the C. P. R.

Step Towards Amalgamation

Dr. Hope said today that a switch to the rate-of-return system asked by the C. P. R. would be the first step towards railway amalgamation.

"It is our firm conviction," he said, "that if the railways are permitted to raise their rates so that the C. P. R. can earn 6-1-2" (Continued on page 15 col. 2)

Report 12 Dead In B-50 Crash

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\$100,000 Fire In Oil Tanks

JOLIETTE, Que., Jan. 13 (CP) — Firemen battled for three hours early today to subdue a fire which engulfed four oil storage tanks and destroyed a nearby residence. Damage was estimated at approximately \$100,000. No one was injured.

The fire started when a gasoline truck driver turned on his ignition at the Super Test Refinery, near the centre of town. An explosion which turned his truck into a flaming inferno threw blazing oil on to a nearby storage tank and within minutes another three tanks were ablaze. The driver escaped injury.

Joliette firemen and refinery firefighters were hampered by lack of electrical power caused by a small fire last night which destroyed electrical equipment at the power station here.

Prominent Y.M.C.A. Worker Dies At 52

TORONTO, Jan. 13 (CP) — A. Gordon Grainger, 52, a member of one of North Toronto's oldest families and who served with the YMCA for more than 20 years, will be buried tomorrow.

As boys' work secretary, he was posted to Toronto Central, Hamilton, Brantford, Ottawa, Saint John, N. B., and Chicago branches of the YMCA.

Pakistan Purchases Wheat In Canada

KARACHI, Jan. 13 (Reuters) — Pakistan, faced with a deficit of about 500,000 tons of wheat this winter, today announced the purchase of 100,000 tons from Canada. Normally an exporting country with 500,000 tons to spare, Pakistan made extensive purchases of wheat last year because of crop failures due to severe drought.

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City	Min.	Max.
Victoria	43	50
Edmonton	26B	22B
Calgary	16B	16B
Regina	11B	8B
Winnipeg		3B
Toronto	33	44
Ottawa	19	36
Montreal	14	35
Quebec	13	26
Saint John	19	33
Moncton	15	31
Halifax	22	36
Charlottetown	20	30
Sydney	27	23
Yarmouth	21	32
St. John's	24	38

HALIFAX, Jan. 13 (CP) — Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office and valid until midnight Wednesday.

Synopsis:

Very cold air over Ontario is expected to spread slowly southeast across the forecast district on Wednesday. Skies will be variable and a few snowflurries are forecast for the northern regions, and a few showers for the southern regions.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island — Variable cloudiness. Snowflurries about noon. Very mild becoming much colder in afternoon. Light winds. Low early Wednesday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 25 and 35.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 10:18 A. M. and 9:01 P. M.

High tide on the North Shore at 5:15 A. M. and 4:28 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 7:49 A. M. and sets at 4:55 P. M.

