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Russian Plan For Berlin Sparks Hot Opposition

RECEIVES CANADIAN FORCES DECORATION

Following last night's inspection of the 5 Signal Regiment by Colonel J.B. Clements, director of signals, Army Headquarters, Ottawa, Lieutenant A.E. Breedon, a native of Nottingham, England, now living in Charlottetown was presented with a Canadian Forces Decoration. Lieutenant Breedon's wartime record included six years with the RAF as a bomber pilot during which time he flew 30 missions over enemy territory. Lieutenant Breedon is shown above right being presented with the decoration by Col. Clements.

Ont., Que. Phone Rates To Advance

OTTAWA (CP) — Quebec and Ontario telephone rates will go up Monday by $17,000,000 annually, the cabinet ruled Thursday in upholding a board of transport commissioners decision.

The cabinet rejected appeals against the Bell Telephone Company increases, which amount to about four per cent on long-distance calls, six per cent on residential ones and nine per cent on business.

The appeals had been heard by the cabinet 10 days ago from 41 Quebec and Ontario municipalities and—as interveners—from all provinces except Quebec and Ontario.

While not concerned directly, the provinces expressed fear that the accounting principle involved in the Bell case could produce a tax precedent, leading to higher freight rates should the railways adopt similar bookkeeping systems.

Under the method, Bell will pay higher income tax as it goes and the transport board authorized the rate increase to cover this. In the accounting system used last spring, when the cabinet disallowed a board-authorized Bell increase of about seven per cent, funds were drawn off against the possibility of having to pay steeper income tax in future years.

Premier Sees Rate Hike As "Intolerable Burden"

The federal cabinet's decision to allow the railroads of Canada the 17 per cent freight rate increase recommended by the Board of Transport Commissioners, would result in "an intolerable burden" being placed on Canadians residing in the outlying areas of the nation, Premier A.W. Matheson said yesterday.

"If this decision of the federal authorities will cost us $2,000,000 a year as Mr. Dewar, the secretary of the Federation of Agriculture has estimated, this action will strike a terrific blow at the economy of this province." he said.

To expect citizens residing in the country's fringe areas to underwrite deficits that might be attributed to railway operations in Central Canada was most unfair, Premier Matheson observed.

It will hurt provincial producers in two ways, he noted. "For instance, freight on both in-coming feed and out-going livestock will be that much higher."

The leader of the Island government welcomed cabinet hints that the time had come for a complete review of the Canadian freight rate structure, and expressed the hope this might be done soon.

"Immediate action to alleviate this situation, not a prolonged investigation is what we need now," he said.

Premier Stanfield of Nova Scotia had acted as spokesman for the Atlantic Provinces in the recent negotiations, Premier Matheson noted, and had made a presentation on their behalf no later than November 24.

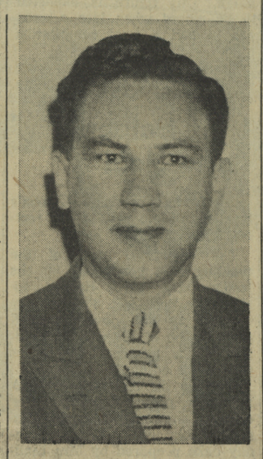
Among other things, this presentation to the cabinet had termed the freight increase "unjustly discriminatory", Hon. Mr. Matheson said.

Minister Expects No Delay In Fluoridation

Commenting on the news that the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply for Charlottetown would shortly publish a report on the cost of fluoridation of the city's water supply, the Hon. Dr. M. L. Bonnell, provincial minister of Health, remarked that he was very pleased to see the commissioner acting so promptly on the unanimous recommendation of the Charlottetown City Council.

"This is a public health measure which has been proved to be completely harmless," he stated, and yet it would have in time the effect, at a very low cost, of reducing the high level of tooth decay in Charlottetown by as much as two thirds."

In view of the recommendations of all recognized authorities on health measures, there is no good reason why there should be any great delay here, Dr. Bonnell observed.



HON. DR. BONNELL

NO COMPLAINTS

They have had fluoridation in Halifax, Dartmouth and Kentville for over two years and there has never been a complaint. A million people across Canada, and over 30 millions in the United States, drink fluoridated water.

It would be wrong therefore to deprive the younger generation of Charlottetown any longer of the benefits of better health that this would bring about.

It should be remembered too, Dr. Bonnell said, that it is not only the young children who would benefit. It has been shown that adults also get considerable protection from fluoridated water.

The department of Health gives its full support and would assist in any way possible in giving professional advice. Both the Provincial Medical and Dental Associations have reindorsed the project this year.

He concluded by saying that, "Fluorides do not cause any odor or taste to the water supply."

Western Sector Mayor Gets British And U.S. Support

BERLIN (CP) — West German officials and an opposition leader joined Thursday night in defying Soviet Premier Khrushchev's plan to neutralize West Berlin as a free city.

They appealed to the West to back them up.

A promise of support was quickly forthcoming from Britain.

Officials in London indicated privately they may take advantage of the Soviet offer for a six-month standstill on changing Berlin's status—perhaps by moving for a Big Four conference on the entire German unity question.

BERLINERS NOT AFRAID

Willi Brandt, mayor of West Berlin, hurried from an emergency meeting of the West Berlin Cabinet to announce on radio and TV broadcasts to his 2,200,000 people:

"We in West Berlin say no . . . We are not afraid."

In Bonn, capital of the West German republic, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said the people of Berlin could be certain that everything would be done by West Germany and the Western powers to maintain Berlin's independent status.

"It goes without saying that the Soviet note will be carefully studied," the Adenauer statement said. "Nevertheless, one can already express the conviction that our Western allies will reject every suggestion that aims at making Berlin defenceless and endangers its freedom."

Adenauer's government warned that the situation is extraordinarily serious.

SOCIALISTS STAND FIRM

Erich Ollenhauer, leader of West Germany's Socialists, assured West Berliners that his party stands firmly behind them. The Socialists are the nation's second largest party after Adenauer's Christian Democrats. Ollenauer said every peaceful means should be explored to solve the question.

The British government served notice Britain intends to stay in Berlin. It was disclosed that consultations with the Western allies, including West Germany, are under way. British, French and U.S. garrisons in West Berlin number 10,000 troops.

Other West European governments were cautious in their initial appraisal but their officials indicated the Russian plan will be rejected.

As recently as Wednesday, Adenauer and French Premier de Gaulle agreed that the West's guarantees to maintain their occupation in West Berlin would be kept. De Gaulle noted that all members of NATO had concurred previously in that stand.

De Gaulle went into a session with his cabinet on receipt of the note.

WASHINGTON OPPOSED

In Washington, U.S. officials said the proposal probably would be rejected.

Senior British officials said Khrushchev's plan is unacceptable although the foreign office refused official comment until the terms are studied in detail.

Nevertheless, the British officials said they had braced themselves for something more drastic and immediate than Khrushchev had proposed. They called the general tone of the Soviet note moderate, although unacceptable.

Ottawa Boosts Feed Grain Aid

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government is absorbing part of the cost of increased railway freight rates were they to affect the movement of Prairie feed grains to livestock and poultry raisers in other parts of the country.

The cabinet passed an order-in-council Thursday authorizing some rate increases in the government's feed freight assistance subsidy as of Dec. 1, when the increased railway rates go into effect.

The government will absorb the increased freight rates on western feed grain shipped to eastern Quebec, the Atlantic provinces and British Columbia, but not to Ontario points and that part of Quebec west of the so-called Montreal freight rate zone.

Federal assistance on feed grain movements to Ontario and western Quebec is remaining unchanged because such shipments are mainly by water.

ADDS TO OUTLAY

The changes elsewhere may add between $1,000,000 and $1,600,000 to the government's annual outlay on feed grain assistance, officials said. The original estimate of the program's cost for the current fiscal year ending next March 31 was $17,500,000, unchanged from the previous year.

To points in eastern Quebec and the Atlantic provinces with a through rail freight from Fort William of $1.04 a hundredweight or higher, the federal assistance starting Monday will be $7.50 a ton—compared with $6.50 now—plus the difference between the rail freight rate to, say, Halifax, and the rail rate between Fort William and Montreal.

To points beyond Montreal with a through rail freight from Fort William of less than $1.04 a hundredweight, the federal assistance will be $5 a ton—the same as now — plus the excess of the through freight to destination over the Fort William-Montreal rate.

The assistance rate on feed grain to Ontario and western Quebec remains at $5 a ton.

Maritime Co-op Services Hold Annual Meeting

MONCTON (CP) — John E. Walsh of Coverdale, N.B., was elected president for a seventh consecutive term Thursday as the annual meeting of Maritime Co-operative Services Limited concluded here.

Mayor M.S. Horsburgh of Berwick, N.S., was re-elected first vice-president for a seventh term also.

William MacCormick of Iona, N.S., replaced Bernard Shea of O'Leary, P.E.I., as second vice-president. Mr. Shea remains as one of the directors, who include Hayward R. Clark, Burtts Corner, N.B.; Robert Archibald, Newton, N.S.; Amos Tattrie, River John, N.S.; Aurele Albert, Edmundston, N.B.; and A.D. English, South Nelson, N.B.

Driver Exonerated Of Blame In Death Of Bristol Woman

Mrs. Clarence Laybolt, 26-year-old Bristol housewife, came to her death as the result of a highway accident which occurred near her home on the evening of November 13, was the verdict returned by a coroner's jury at city hall last night. The inquest was presided over by Coroner Dr. L. E. Prowse. He was assisted by Crown Prosecutor John P. Nicholson.

Mrs. Laybolt died at the Charlottetown Hospital after being struck by an automobile in the vicinity of Dundee.

Twelve witnesses were heard including: Dr. J.A. MacLellan, St. Peter's, who was called to the scene of the accident; Dr. C.A. Coady, Charlottetown, who was notified of Mrs. Laybolt's arrival at the Charlottetown Hospital; Dr. J.A. MacMillan, Charlottetown, Chief of Staff of the Charlottetown Hospital, who operated on the injured woman in an effort to stop internal bleeding; Dr. John H. Maloney, Charlottetown, who stated Mrs. Laybolt had been a patient of his and that she was six months pregnant, and assisted Dr. MacMillan in delivering the child; Dr. Douglas MacDonald, who stated that the deceased lived approximately 20 minutes following the operation; Dr. John Craig, provincial pathologist, who performed the autopsy; Mrs. Alberta Deagle, Dundee housewife, at whose home the deceased was visiting shortly before the accident; Morris Nelson Arnold, Bristol labourer, who informed Mr. Laybolt of his wife's accident; Charles Mosher, Bristol carpenter, who passed the deceased shortly before the accident; Kenneth Whitfield Squires, Bristol carpenter, driver of the car which struck the deceased; Ira Lee Gay, Charlottetown building contractor, who is Mr. Squires employer and Constable F. L. Connolly of the Souris Detachment of the RCMP, who investigated the accident.

JURY'S VERDICT

The jury's verdict was returned as follows:

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Miss Webster Heads School

TORONTO (CP) — Margaret Webster of Charlottetown was installed as principal of the Presbyterian Church's deaconness training school here Thursday night.

Miss Webster was appointed last year but spent some time in Europe studying in Geneva and visiting church training schools in Britain, the continent and the United States.

She was born in London, Ont., where her father was minister of a Presbyterian church, and moved with her family to Prince Edward Island.

OIL DELIVERIES DROP

OTTAWA (CP) — Net deliveries of oil through Canadian pipelines declined by more than nine per cent in the first nine months of the year, the bureau of statistics reported Thursday.

Jap Prince's Engagement Is Announced To Commoner

TOKYO (Reuters) — A lovely 20-year-old commoner who will marry the future emperor of Japan rode in triumph Thursday through the streets of Tokyo.

Thousands of city workers left their offices to line the streets as pretty Michiko Shoda rode by in an official motorcade from the imperial palace.

"Kirei (beautiful)!" called thousands of enraptured women at the first commoner ever to become engaged to a Japanese prince.

For the daughter of Japan's biggest flour magnate, it was quite a day—all of it shattering precedents which have stood throughout the 2,618-year history of the Japanese throne.

OFFICIALLY ENGAGED

In the morning, she became officially engaged to Crown Prince Akihito, 24 - year - old son of Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako.

At noon, she visited her future parents - in - law at the imperial palace. Once the holy-of-holies of Japanese emperors, they were considered divine.

Then she met the press.

Asked how she fell love with Akihito, Michiko said she was impressed with his "sincerity" and thought she could trust and respect him.

Col. J.B. Clements Inspects City's 5 Signal Regiment

Colonel J. B. Clements, C. D., director of signals, Army Headquarters, Ottawa, paid his first official visit to the Island last night since taking over his present position in July.

Making his initial stop on a Maritime tour, Colonel Clements first duty was the inspection of the 5 Signal Regiment at the Armouries. Besides being the oldest signals unit in Canada, the Charlottetoiwn regiment is also the strongest militia regiment in Canada numbering more than 235 strong in all ranks.

Following the tour of inspection of the regiment's three squadrons, Colonel Clements presented the C. D. decoration to Lieutenant A. E. Breedon, a veteran of six years with the R.A.F. as a bomber pilot during the Second World War who has been connected with the city regiment since 1950.

Accompanying Colonel Clements on his inspection were Lt.-Col. D. N. Bell, E.D., honorary Lt.-Col. of 5 Signals Regiment; Lt.-Col. G.M. Billings,C.D., command signals officer, Eastern Command, Headquarters, Halifax, who is accompanying Col. Clements on his Maritime tour; Lt.-Col. K. M. Johnston, E. D., vice-president of the Canadian Signals Association (Maritimes); and Lt.-Col. F. S. Jenkins, E.D., commanding officer of the 5 Signal Regiment.

VISITS HALIFAX

Following his visit to the Charlottetown regiment, Colonel Clements will visit signal units at Camp Debert and Halifax. He made official calls on Camp Gagetown and Fredericton during the past summer.

A veteran of 20 years in the Canadian army, Colonel Clements termed the local regiment as a ". . . stronghold in the signal's militia." Following his inspection he told the regiment that his visit served a twofold purpose: to inspect the strongest signal regiment in the country and to visit a number of his old friends with whom he saw service overseas. Included among the latter were Lt.-Col. D. N. Bell, E. D., Lt.-Col. K.M. Johnston, E.D., Lt.-Col. F. J. Storey. E.D., Lt.-Col. F. B. Conrad, M. M., E. D., and Lt.-Col. F.S. Jenkins, E.D.

Colonel Clements noted the outstanding contribution that the local signal regiment has provided in the past at the summer training program of the Canadian Army at Camp Gagetown.

There are two signal regiments in the Maritimes, one in Charlottetown and the other in Halifax. Moncton and Fredericton, N.B., are the sites of two independent signal squadrons and a signal troop in Saint John, N.B., is connected with the Halifax regiment.

Colonel Clements leaves this morning to continue his Maritime tour and will return to Army headquarters in Ottawa on December 3rd

3 Children Die As Fire Stops Mother

NEW WATERFORD, N.S. (CP) —Three children died in a fire Thursday at nearby Scotchtown after their mother was unable to reach them because of heat and smoke.

The victims, children of Mr. and Mrs. David Mills, were Iris, eight weeks old; Valerie, two years, and Robert, three. Their bodies were recovered by firemen.

A four-year-old daughter, Betty, escaped.

Mrs. Mills said Thursday afternoon she was visiting neighbors when she saw her four - room bungalow aflame. She ran to the house and tried to enter but was pulled away from the burning home. Neighbors' attempts to reach the screaming children also failed.

Mrs. Mills told police she thought one of the children might have thrown a piece of paper on a hot plate. Ensuing flames could have spread to the kitchen curtains.

Mr. Mills, a railwayman, was working at the time.

There will be no inquest.

NIXON WITH QUEEN AT CHAPEL DEDICATION

Vice President Richard Nixon of the United States stands with Queen Elizabeth before ceremony in St. Paul's cathedral in London Wednesday in which Britain dedicated a memorial chapel at the ceremony. Chapel commemorates the 28,000 U.S. servicemen who died during World War II in Britain or in operations from Britain bases. (AP Wirephoto via radio from London)

Reds Describe West Berlin As 'That Cancerous Tumor'

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet Russia announced Thursday it wants to turn West Berlin into a demilitarized free city next year. It proposed six months of negotiations with the West to arrange the switch.

The Soviet government notified the West that they regard the Big Four occupation agreements of 1944-45 as null and void.

It offered the free city plan as a substitute on a take-it-or-leave-it basis, suggesting that United Nations observers might keep watch after the troops pull out.

Soviet Premier Khrushchev said this was not an ultimatum, but the Soviet Union will press for liquidation of "that cancerous tumor that is West Berlin" regardless of the West's reaction.

TIME TO NEGOTIATE

"The six-month period will give us time to negotiate, time to talk about the problem," Khrushchev told a press conference in the Kremlin.

East Berlin would be exempt. The Communist East German government already has sovereignty over East Berlin and uses it as its capital. Russian troops are based there under a 1957 agreement between East Germany and Russia.

ENVOY GIVEN NOTE

The formal Soviet call for a change in the status of West Berlin—home to 2,200,000 Germans who regard themselves as citizens of the Bonn republic—came in a 24-page note handed to U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson Jr. by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Copies of the note, which followed up Khrushchev's demand Nov. 10 for an end to the four-power occupation, were relayed to other governments around the world.

"If this proposal is not acceptable to the governments of the three Western powers," the note said, "the government of the U.S.S.R. ephasizes there is no topic left for discussion of the Berlin issue by the former occupying powers."

"Action" Needed On Spud Problem, Says Ass'n Head

A call for "action rather than words" in dealing with the present potato situation on the Island was voiced strongly yesterday by Donald A. MacDonald, general manager of the Producer's Co-Op Association Limited.

Mr. MacDonald, a former chairman and manager of the P.E.I. Marketing Board, was commenting on a statement made by W. A. MacLennan, present board chairman, which appeared in Thursday's issue of The Guardian.

Mr. MacLennan was quoted as saying: "Five years ago we were 10 years ahead of the rest of the country in both pack and quality, now we are at least five years behind in packaging."

VIEW WITH ALARM

Mr. MacDonald said every grower, assembler, and dealer in the province will view Mr. MacLennan's statement" with concern and alarm."

"Due to Mr. MacLennan's statement and several others of recent appearance in the public press", he added, "potato buyers in Montreal Toronto and other areas, appear to have lost confidence in the quality of P.E.I. table stock potatoes."

"What, if any steps have been taken during the past four years to counteract or change the present unfortunate situation regarding potato marketing so clearly emphasized by the present board chairman," asked Mr. MacDonald.

D. A. MacDONALD

He said that potato producers are now justified in putting that question "to, Premier A. W. Matheson, who was primarily responsible for changing the status of the original Producer Control Potato Marketing Board, to Hon. Eugene Cullen, under whose supervision the present board exists, to Mr. MacLennan, the present board chairman and to Donald Anderson, secretary of the so-called Potato Producers Association Limited and to the P. E.I. Federation of Agriculture."

"Definite action rather than words which haven't any meaning" Mr. MacDonald maintained, "should be put into effect at once if the welfare of potato producers is going to be protected."

Labor Retains UK House Seat

LONDON (Reuters) — The Labor party retained a House of Commons seat Thursday in a by-election in the London constituency of Finsbury and Shoreditch.

Labor candidate Michael Cliffe, a union official, received 1,214 votes to 3,219 by Conservative Thomas Whipham. Only 24.9 per cent of the eligible voters went to the polls, compared with 64.7 per cent in the 1955 general election, when Labor won the seat by 16,284 votes.