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HOME BUILDING MADE EASIER UNDER NEW LEGISLATION

Moscow Announces Beria Has Admitted Guilt

Socialists Seek To Oust Churchill On Colonial Issue

(By Walter Davies)
LONDON. (Reuters) — Socialist leaders beat the war drums in the House of Commons Wednesday in an attempt to oust the government over questions of African colonial policy.

In an attack which centred on Colonial Secretary Oliver Lyttelton, they accused the government of "dropping a match in the tinder of Africa."

The attack was led by James Griffiths, former colonial secretary under the Labor government, who moved the Labor motion of censure. The motion, virtually a vote of "no confidence," expresses "grave disquiet" at the government's handling of colonial affairs in Africa.

If carried, it would force Sir Winston Churchill's Conservative government to resign. But the Prime Minister appeared confident of victory. He has an 18-seat overall majority.

"Increasing Anxiety"

More embarrassing to the Churchill government is a revolt within its own ranks, centring about the dispute with Egypt over British occupation of the Suez canal zone. Some 40 Conservative members of Parliament have signed a motion demanding that the government suspend negotiations for a revision of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty, and withdraw any terms it has already offered Egypt.

Opening the debate, Griffiths charged that many Britons feel "an increasing anxiety about the position of our African colonies." Latest crisis in the African col-

Reveal Names Of Three Other Officials Charged

MOSCOW. (AP) — The government announced Wednesday that Lavrenty P. Beria has been brought into court for trial on treason charges, and at the same time disclosed the names of the high former officials accused with him.

Beria and his accomplices have admitted their guilt, the government newspaper Izvestia said.

Beria is accused of treason, organizing an anti-Soviet plot in behalf of foreign capitalists, and conducting terrorist activities, Izvestia stated.

Accused with him were:

V. N. Merkulov, former minister of state security and lately minister of state control.

V. G. Dekanozov, former head of administration of the NKVD secret police and lately minister of internal affairs of the republic of Georgia, where Beria was born.

Z. Kobulov, former deputy people's commissar of internal affairs in Georgia, later deputy minister of state security of the Soviet Union and recently deputy U. S. S. R. minister of internal affairs.

Receives Royal Greetings On Eve Of 100th Birthday

Time has dealt kindly with Mrs. Theresa Reid, a grand old lady who celebrates her 100th anniversary today at the Sacred Heart Home, where she has resided for the past seven years.

Smilingly acknowledging the preparations being made for the reception and "At Home" to her friends this afternoon, Mrs. Reid was thrilled yesterday to receive a telegram expressing good wishes from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and similar communications from Prime Minister St. Laurent, Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse, Premier A. W. Matheson, Hon. E. Barie MacDonald, Minister of Health and Mayor J. D. Stewart on behalf of the City Council of Charlottetown.

Mrs. Reid, familiarly known as "Aunt Theresa" was born at Cornwall, P. E. I., a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leonard. She married the late Thomas Reid in 1876 and lived with her husband at Hope River until his death 36 years ago. She has been living at the Sacred Heart Home



Mrs. Theresa Reid

Down Payments Cut; Repayment Time Extended

OTTAWA. (CP) — Down payments under the government's new housing legislation will be reduced to 10 per cent from 20 per cent on the first \$8,000 of the mortgage value, Works Minister Winters announced today.

The down payment on portions in excess of \$8,000 will be 30 per cent, making for a graduated general reduction from the current 20 per cent now applicable to all National Housing Act loans.

Mr. Winters gave these and other details of the government's proposed new housing changes as he introduced a resolution in the Commons preparatory to a bill amending the National Housing Act.

Under the new legislation a prospective home owner can get a new \$10,000 NHA house with a down payment of \$1,400 instead of the \$2,000 currently required.

Monthly repayment will be reduced by extending the life of the mortgage loans. Mortgages running for 25 years will become common instead of the current 20-year loans.

Principle change, however, will be widening of the mortgage-lending field, to allow chartered banks and Quebec savings banks to make mortgage loans under a mortgage-insurance system to be administered by the government's Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Cost of the mortgage insurance premium will be borne by the borrower. It will be two per cent of the loan in the case of home ownership and 1-1/2 per cent on property constructed for rental purposes.

The Commons adjourned until Tuesday, Jan. 12; the Senate to Tuesday, Jan. 19.

New-Type Greeting For Queen In Fiji Islands

SUVA, Fiji. (Reuters) — The liner Gothic, carrying Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on their Commonwealth tour, Thursday threaded its way through the small islands of the Fiji group towards a bizarre but heart-felt welcome.

Cheering crowds have become the accepted greeting to Elizabeth in every part of the globe she has touched. But when she arrives here she will be met with an overwhelming silence.

It's Fiji's way of bestowing the highest honor. Fijians consider cheering and hand-clapping a downright insult if expressed during the first moments of meeting a distinguished guest.

War Dances

Once the formalities are over, the excited Fijians will be able to give more conventional vent to expressions of their loyalty.

There will be Fijian war dances and action songs and a drive ball.

When the ceremonial drive through the streets of Suva, jungle-clad hills and open sugar cane land starts, the Fijians will act with that dignity and restraint which is their traditional welcome to an important visitor—and this is the first time a British monarch has visited them.

Suva was a blaze of light—a gay scene with thousands of Indians and Fijians strolling along the shore of the lagoon beneath festoons of colored lamps.

Will Observe 100th Birthday

Mrs. Isabel MacGillivray, a lifelong resident of Charlottetown, will celebrate her 100th birthday anniversary at the home of her son and daughter in that settlement on Friday Dec. 18th.

Mrs. MacGillivray, who enjoys splendid health, comes of a sturdy line of longevity, having a brother John MacKinnon living at Charlottetown who is over 90. An aunt died several years ago at the age of 103. Living with her at the home of her son John MacGillivray is her widowed daughter Mrs. Isabell Provencher.

Mrs. Catherine Docherty, New Haven, Mrs. Flora MacPhail, Winnipeg, and Mrs. Sadie MacGillivray, Vancouver are daughters. Her husband passed away thirteen years ago.

The aged lady has seven grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren living, the latter being Lynne and Roger Young, both children of Mr. and Mrs. Merik Young, Bunbury.

Girls Frightened By Murder

TORONTO. (CP) — Ten days ago Marion McDowell, 17, disappeared from a suburban Scarborough township sideroad. Tuesday Mrs. Norma Schreiber, 28, who worked in the same office and at the next desk to the missing girl, was found dead from strangulation.

Wednesday two other girls in the same office of a photo-engraving firm employing about 350 persons, decided to quit.

Neither girl reported for work and both told the management they will not be coming back.

Tuesday two girls in the office fainted when told of the death of Mrs. Schreiber and had to be sent home.

An official of the company said the girls were badly frightened and were asking: "Am I going to be next?"

Eisenhower Backs Dulles' Warning To Western Europe

WASHINGTON. (AP) — President Eisenhower Wednesday reinforced State Secretary Dulles' warning to Western Europe to unite for defence and indicated the U. S. might arm its allies with atomic weapons if war comes.

The president told a press conference Dulles' advice to get together or risk reductions in U. S. troops in Europe was neither new nor blunt but based on American law.

He put his foot down on sharing with the Western Allies the know-how of producing atomic weapons but not necessarily on the sharing of the weapons themselves if war should break out.

Eisenhower also said he still is intent upon peaceful, international development of atomic energy for the good of all humanity and Soviet rejection of his plan for pooling atomic materials for that purpose would not stop him. On that proposal, he said, there has been no official Russian reaction.

British Commons Approves TV Plan

LONDON. (Reuters) — The House of Commons Wednesday night approved by 302 votes to 260 the government's controversial plan to allow a television service in Britain financed from advertising.

These plans would break the present one-channel monopoly of the British Broadcasting Corporation, which gets its revenue from licence fees paid for by televisioners.

Wreckage Of Missing U.S. Jet Fighter Found

PRESQUE ISLE, Me. (AP) — The wreckage of a missing jet fighter was found a few miles northwest of Limestone Wednesday night.

The U. S. Air Force declined to disclose immediately the fate of its two occupants.

A spokesman at the Presque Isle Air Force base said a search party reached the site of the crashed plane, which radioed Tuesday that it was running out of fuel.

The spokesman said the wreckage was spotted by one of more than 25 search planes only a few miles from the huge Limestone superbase, which is about 20 miles from here.

The plane came down in a remote, wooded area and a ground party reached the scene at nightfall.

Earlier, the spokesman said the base here had received reports that other wreckage had been sighted near Juniper, N.B., about 40 miles southeast of Presque Isle. But the Juniper report "didn't pan out," the spokesman said.

Plane Flies 27 Miles Minute

WASHINGTON. (AP) — The United States Air Force disclosed Wednesday that an American plane has tipped through the air at about 27 miles a minute—2 1/2 times the speed of sound—the fastest man has ever travelled.

The man who first drove an aircraft through the sound barrier, Air Force Maj. Charles Yeager, piloted the rocket-driven Bell X-1 in the history-making flight last Saturday, the Air Force said.

The unofficial record of more than 1,600 miles an hour, at a height of 75,000 feet, at an undisclosed altitude topped a record set less than a month ago. Nov. 20 a navy Skyrocket, also a rocket-propelled laboratory plane, attained a speed mark of mach 2.01 or 1,327 miles an hour.

Founder of Calgary Stampede Dies

CALGARY. (CP) — Gus Weadick, veteran cowpoke who originated the Calgary Stampede and helped build it into a world-famed attraction, died Monday. He was 66.

Weadick, widely known as the "dean of the rodeo producers," died in Los Angeles. Until recently he had lived in Phoenix, Ariz.

New Proof Old Soldiers Never Die

WINNIPEG. (CP) — Old soldiers never die.

The South African War Veterans Association learned the truth of the old saying when W. H. Dimock left his estate to set up a Christmas fund for fellow Boer War veterans living in Manitoba.

Association president A. A. Herriot once struggled to keep 129 "old sweats" together.

The announcement that the estate was worth \$13,170, though long as it lasts—will provide every Boer War veteran in Manitoba with \$10 each Christmas was like sending "come to the cookhouse door."

Veterans began popping up all over.

Now a lawyer is trying to verify 370 claims.

Prominent Official Of United Church Dies At 63

TORONTO. (CP) — Rev. Gordon Alfred Sisco, secretary of the general council of the United Church of Canada since 1936 and one of Canada's leading churchmen, died Wednesday. He was 63.

Dr. Sisco, who administered the daily affairs of Canada's largest Protestant denomination, entered hospital Tuesday after suffering a heart attack. He had been at work in his office Monday as usual.

During his 16 years as secretary he worked toward union of his United Church with the Church of England in Canada.

As secretary he conducted several preaching missions in various Canadian provinces and was a visiting preacher in Scotland and the United States. One of his widely-quoted sermons was an attack on the morality of business and the misuse of power by the wealthy.

"We middle-class people," he said, "will some day come to see what has always been true, that the catastrophes of history are not brought on by the weak, but by the strong."

Honorary Degrees

Born in Coaticook, Que., he held various ministerial charges in Ontario and Quebec before his appointment as secretary. He was a graduate of Wesleyan Theological College in Montreal and Queen's University in Kingston, where he received a Master of Arts degree in 1932 and was named an honorary Doctor of Divinity in 1937.

He was a member of the executive of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; of

PAIR CHARGED

TORONTO. (CP) — Leslie Irwin, 24, and Morton Ross, 20, were arrested Wednesday and charged with possession of narcotics after police found three ounces of marijuana under a construction company shack in downtown Toronto. Irwin's \$4,000 automobile was impounded.

WILD CHASE

OSHAWA, Ont. (CP) — Allan T. Duncan was sentenced Wednesday to seven days in jail for drunk driving, had his licence suspended for three months and his car impounded for the same period. Police said he led them on a zig-zag highway chase from nearby Whitby and forced 30 cars off the road before he was caught.

Gift of Figs

In a score or more settlements in and around Suva hundreds of pigs are basking in earth ovens. Many of these will help to feed Suva's big multitude. But the finest "porkers" have been reserved as gifts for the Queen—gifts which according to Fijian custom should be sufficient to sustain her and her entourage during their stay in the country.

The porkers will be added later to the pile of bananas, coconuts, turtles, yams, breadfruit and other Fijian produce already rising high into the sheltering branches of a banyan tree alongside the royal dais in Albert Park.

It is expected the vast store of food will be taken aboard the Gothic—where the Queen will live during her two-day visit—and the New Zealand escort cruiser Black Prince.

The weather forecast for the two day royal visit is fair with mild to warm temperatures and cool nights.

16 Killed In Superfort Crash

GUAM. (AP) — A B-29 Superfortress ripped through Anderson Air Force Base housing in a fiery swath Wednesday that left 16 dead, including five children, and 17 injured.

The plane, coming in for a landing at 6:48 a.m. when many air force personnel and their families were asleep, slashed through 800 feet of the dependent housing area. Flames shot skyward in the wake of the Superfort.

Among the dead were one woman, two men and four officers in addition to the five children.

Coming Events

- Dance in Millview Hall, December 28th.
- Christmas concert in New London hall Dec. 17.
- Bonshaw Christmas Concert, December 18th.
- North Wiltshire Christmas Concert tonight.
- Don't miss Christmas concert in Donagh School, Dec. 18.
- Frederick School Concert, Friday, December 18th.
- Warren Grove Christmas Concert, December 18th.
- South Melville Christmas Concert, December 22nd.
- Eldon School Christmas Concert, Belfast Hall, December 18th.
- Long River School Concert, December 21st.
- Kingston School Concert, Thursday, December 17th.
- Travellers Rest Christmas Concert, Monday, December 21st, at 8 o'clock.
- Rennies Road School Christmas Concert, Thursday night, December 17th.
- Midnight Dance, Cardigan Hall, Christmas night. Turner's Orchestra.
- Show, Morell Hall, Friday. "Battle Zone". This is an excellent picture.
- Films and Christmas program at Springfield Hall, December 18th, 8 o'clock.
- Souris High School Christmas Concert, Parish Hall, Monday, December 21st, at 8 P. M.
- Come to Cape Traverse School Concert in Cape Traverse Hall, Tuesday, December 22nd, 8.00 P. M.
- Salvation Army Sunday School Concert and Christmas Tree, Friday, December 18th, 8 P. M. Silver collection.
- Help the Milton Hockey Club by attending their dance Friday night, Dec. 18 at Winsloe School hall. Doiron Bros. Orchestra.
- Card party for geese St. Peter's Legion Hall Thursday, Dec. 17. Dance Saturday night as usual.
- Meeting of interest to turnip growers in Vernon and surrounding districts, Vernon Hall, Thursday, December 17th.
- We will be taking Cream Thursday mornings December 24th and 31st. Feed Warehouse will be open. Will be closed all day December 25th and 26th. Also January 1st and 2nd. Signed The Wiltshire Dairying Co., Ltd.

Child In Coma For 2nd Successive Christmas

MONTEREAL. (CP) — Christmas is meant to be a happy time, but for the second successive year in the Dagenais home at nearby Ville St. Michel there will be little rejoicing.

Since an automobile accident Nov. 13, 1952, adness has surounded the home of 10-year-old Lisa Dagenais. It was then that Lisa, her body broken and battered, went into a coma. She has never recovered consciousness.

Unlike other families who have been counting the days until Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Dagenais and their five other children have been praying for the day when little Lisa will live like a normal child again.

Personality Died

Described by her mother as "a little gamin" at the age of nine, Lisa's personality died the day she suffered a fractured skull and a brain injury. The driver of the taxi in which Lisa was a passenger was killed.

Doctors have tried unsuccessfully to bring her out of the coma. Her face never alters and, except for a few silent tears and a slight movement of her lips and an eye, Lisa shows few signs of life. Mrs. Dagenais said no one seems to know what causes the tears.

No Special Plans

For months Lisa was fed through a tube while in hospital. Now she can swallow canned baby foods, administered in tiny portions. A hospital authority told Mrs. Dagenais the girl eventually might recover.

Does Mrs. Dagenais have hope Lisa will return to her former self?

"Yes," she said. "We will never stop hoping—or praying."

Christmas

"We have no special plans for Christmas. It will be like last Christmas. We will put a little tree in her room with a crèche at its foot. We will give her a new doll and teddy bear, but she won't see them. She will not know that they are there."

11,000 Live Eels En Route To N. Y.

MONTGOMERY, Dec. 16 — Eleven thousand live eels, 12,500 pounds of them moved through here today via Canadian National Express en route from Liverpool, Nova Scotia, to New York City via Montreal.

The eels, which were caught around Liverpool, are destined for the New York Christmas trade and are being carried in water-filled tanks in a specially fitted express car. Shipments of live eels to New York are customary at this time of year, according to Canadian National Express officials here, but this is the first time an entire carload in tanks has been handled. The eels are not fed en route but the water is kept aerated by a special pump.

NORTH LUFFENHAM, Eng. (CP) — An RCAF pilot stationed at this base was killed Wednesday when his Sabre jet fighter crashed at the nearby market town of Loughborough, Leics. His name has been withheld pending notification of next of kin.

British Railway Unions Cancel Scheduled Strike

LONDON. (Reuters) — British rail union chiefs Wednesday night cancelled a strike of 400,000 key workers, called for midnight next Sunday.

They took this action immediately on receiving a firm promise of all-round pay raises from executives of the state-owned railways.

The union leaders' decision removed the threat of a chaotic, "black Christmas," with mail arrangements wrecked, the transport of food hamstrung, and passenger services at a standstill.

The settlement was reached after nearly five hours of discussions at the labor ministry between union leaders and representatives of the British Transport Commission, which controls the country's nationalized rail system.

Under it, the rail workers will accept an arbitration board's offer of a four-shilling-a-week pay boost and a commission promise of another increase early next year.

The commission agreed to revise its entire pay structure, examine the whole question of incentives and, where necessary, the pay differentials between skilled and unskilled workers.

The unions agreed to do everything possible to increase railroad efficiency.

Canada And U.S. Settle Month-Old Air Dispute

OTTAWA. (CP) — Canada and the United States have settled a month-old air dispute, with the U.S. agreeing to remove curbs on the opening of a Canadian civil air link with Mexico City.

In return, Canada has withdrawn retaliatory threats against two American air lines flying over Canadian territory.

Transport Minister Chevrier announced in the Commons Wednesday that the U.S. has agreed to co-operate, allowing Trans-Canada Air Lines to use Tampa, Florida, as a stop-over on flights between Montreal, Toronto and Mexico City.

The new flight, which originally was scheduled to open early last month before the dispute developed, will begin Jan. 2. The publicly-owned TCA announced in Montreal that the flights will take place once a week, with planes leaving Montreal Saturday and returning from Mexico City Sunday.

Mr. Chevrier also said that the two countries plan to review their 1949 bilateral air agreement. Canada will make proposals for changes in existing air routes and opening of new lines within the next few months.

7 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

IT'S ABOUT TIME TO BE STARTING YOUR 'BE GOOD 'TIL CHRISTMAS'S STUNT'

TORONTO. (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	8b	—
Edmonton	6	25
Victoria	42	47
Regina	4	11
Calgary	6	20
Winnipeg	15b	4
Toronto	16	22
Ottawa	7	15
Montreal	11	17
Quebec	7	—
Saint John	27	31
Moncton	24	30
Halifax	33	42
Charlottetown	28	31
Sydney	30	39
Yarmouth	30	39
St. John's	32	37

HALIFAX. (CP) — The weather office here says colder air is entering the district and temperatures on Thursday will be about 10 degrees lower than Wednesday. The weather will be fine in most regions but scattered snowflurries are expected in localities where the wind is blowing off the water.

Continued cold weather is indicated for the next few days.

Regional forecasts:

New Brunswick: Clear with a few cloudy intervals; colder; westerly winds 15. Low-high at Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John 10 and 20, Edmundston zero and 15 above, Campbellton 5 and 15.

Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness; widely scattered snowflurries near windward coasts; public-owned TCA announced in Montreal that the flights will take place once a week, with planes leaving Montreal Saturday and returning from Mexico City Sunday.

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High tides today at Charlottetown at 7:56 A. M. and 7:21 P. M. Sun rises today at 7:46 A. M. and sets at 4:33 P. M.