

Howe Knows Quarrel Over Cause Of TCA Crash

OTTAWA (CP)—A GCP member and Trade Minister, Howe disagreed Monday whether pilot fatigue could have been responsible for the crash of a Trans-Canada Air Lines Super-Constellation Dec. 17 near Brampton, Ont. Stanley Knowles, Winnipeg North Centre, said in the Commons that the pilot, Capt. Norman Ramsey, had been on duty 61 hours, 37 minutes during the six days before the crash, in which 10 lives were lost.

"You can't have a person on duty 61 hours within six days and not have the possibility of some element of fatigue," Mr. Knowles said.

Mr. Howe asked what a public inquiry could possibly reveal. The facts brought out by the board of inquiry were indisputable.

"We'll never know why the pilot did what he did," Mr. Howe said. Even the pilot had said he didn't know.

(The board said Capt. Ramsey—flying on instruments—made his approach glide to Toronto's Malton airport below the prescribed altitude. It said he had ignored indications of three instruments—the direction-finding needle, the slide-switch of his instrument-landing indicator and his altimeter.)

ECONOMIC COUNCIL NAMES OFFICERS, SETS \$26,000 BUDGET TO SPEED UP PROGRAM

Quebec Province Counts 6 Dead Following Storm

MONTREAL (CP)—A father, mother and child from sunny Alabama were found asphyxiated in their snow-covered car early Monday, victims of a howling blizzard that brought traffic chaos to Quebec province.

Death of the family was the most tragic in a series of events that followed the March lion's roar. In all, at least six persons died in the province in the storm that saw 20-foot drifts halt trains, isolate a village and throw traffic into an almost-hopeless tangle.

John Robert Wallace, 30, and his wife, Edna Reesby, 26, an acrobatic team on a night club tour, and their five-year-old child Gail, residents of Mobile, Ala., died after their car stuck in the snow near St. Etienne de Lauson, in the Levis district opposite Quebec City.

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C. N. R. And Transport Minister Under Criticism

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Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Monday

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Opposition members urged a public inquiry into the non-fatal crash of a TCA Super-Constellation Dec. 17 last near Brampton, Ont.

Operation of the CNR's proposed \$20,000,000 Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal by the Hilton interests of the U.S. was criticized by the opposition.

Tuesday

The Commons resumes debate on unemployment. The Senate will sit.

Rebellious Convicts Hold Two Guards As Hostages

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Nine insurgent prisoners, armed only with knives but holding two guards as hostages, sat tight in their besieged Nebraska penitentiary "jail" Monday waiting for prison officials to act on a list of nine "demands".

The list was lowered by a rope from the second storey of the isolated maximum-security building where they have been held up since Sunday forenoon. One is John Sandford War, 30, of Stratford, Ont., serving six years for burglary and auto theft.

Governor Victor E. Anderson, who took charge of the situation personally, acknowledged receipt of the demands, but said there would be "no compromise" until the two guards were released unharmed.

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Five-year Term For \$5,500 Theft

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Frank Foley, 27, of St. John's was sentenced Monday to five years hard labor for stealing \$5,500 from a Chinese restaurant operator.

Foley was convicted of the charge last Wednesday in Supreme Court. He was found guilty of stealing the money from a suitcase which the restaurant owner, he said, he didn't trust banks.

Court Battle Involving Wheat Board To Begin

WINNIPEG, (CP)—A battery of legal counsel appeared before Mr. Justice Ralph Maybank in Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench Monday for the opening round of a court battle involving the Canadian Wheat Board.

The case, said legal counsel, is to test the validity of wheat board legislation regarding movements of grain between the provinces and also the complex method of marketing grain through the wheat board, sole purchaser of Canada's wheat, oats and barley crops.

Stephen Murphy, a British Columbia turkey farmer, is seeking a court order declaring he is entitled to ship grain from his farm at Aylsham, Sask., to his turkey ranch at Princeton, B. C., and that the Canadian Pacific Railway must carry it.

Wins \$137,500

Mrs. Dudley Thomas of Toronto smiles after hearing the news that she won \$137,500 in the Irish sweepstakes. She held a ticket on Quare Times which won the Grand National sweepstake. She is wife of the president and general manager of Copp Clark Co. Ltd., publishers. (CP Photo)

Refuses To Ban Lobster Imports

BOSTON, (AP)—The Massachusetts Senate Monday rejected a bill which would have banned importation of lobster meat—either frozen or canned.

"If the meat came from lobsters smaller than the minimum legal size in Massachusetts. The roll call vote was 20 to 9 against."

Train Sets New Speed Record

BORDEAUX, France (Reuters) Two Frenchmen Monday guided a sleek French electric train to a world rail speed record of 200 miles an hour—almost 50 miles an hour better than the old record. And they said they could have gone even faster if they had had a straight track ahead.

As it is, their record is not expected to last past today when another French electric train will try to beat the mark.

Monday's record—breaking engine, the C.C.7107, weighs 107 tons and has 1,400-horsepower rating. It was pulling three streamlined cars full of recording equipment. The C.C.7107, one of 50 of its type now in service in France, is a sister engine of the C.C.7121, which established the record of 182 miles an hour Feb. 20, 1955.

Piloting the record-breaker Monday was two chief inspectors of French railways—Jean Brocca, 45, who has been driving electric trains since 1931; and Henri Brachet, 48, who was chief engineer.

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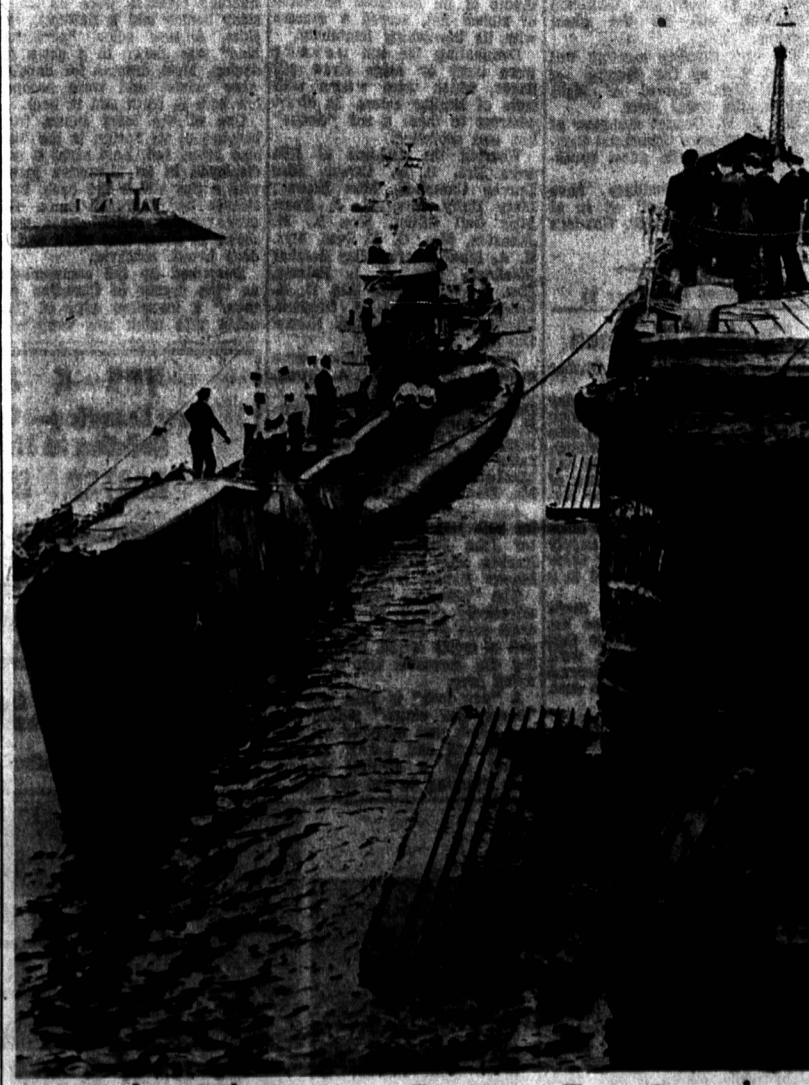
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Coming Events

- "Dance in Millview Hall Easter Monday.
- "In stock fresh chick starter, W. I. Bowman.
- "Mammoth moccasin dance, Forum, Thursday, March 31st.
- "Crapaud rink tonight skating 8 to 10. Special door prize.
- "Covehead-Stanhope community concert Marshfield hall, April 1st.
- "Hockey at North River rink tonight, Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs. Winsloe Heartbreakers. Game time 8:30. Skate after.
- "Don't miss the funniest show of the year, by Charlottetown Players, St. Mary's Hall, Sours, Wednesday, March 30th. Excellent Specialties. Curtain \$30.
- "An important meeting of the St. Stewart Strawberry Growers will be held in the Memorial Hall at Mt. Stewart, Wednesday, March 30th, at 8 p. m.
- "Now in stock, complete line pioneer feeds, concentrates, grains and mill feeds, custom crushing and grinding. Vernon River Feed Service.
- "Regular monthly meeting of the Home and School will be held in Emerald School, Wednesday night, March 30th. Rev. Eugene Murray will speak on his trip to Europe. Everybody welcome.
- "Big Variety Concert, St. Peter's Bay Hall, by the United Church W. A. Wednesday, March 30th, at 8:15 p. m. Two one-act plays, also local and Charlottetown talents in special numbers.
- "A real honest to goodness Minstrel Show. That's what is in store for folks in and around their All Star Minstrel Show at Kensington on March 30th, when the Summerside Lions present the King George Hall.
- "Chicks, White Leghorn or White Leghorn by Barred Rock. Sensational layers on low feed consumption. Leghorns 100 per cent non-broody. Special on crossed cockers. Phone 7994. Raynor's Chick Hatchery, Mt. Herbert.



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POPULARITY SHOULD BEGIN AT HOME?

TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

| | Min. | Max. |
|------------------|------|------|
| Dawson | 24 | 38 |
| Vancouver | 43 | 47 |
| Victoria | 43 | 49 |
| Edmonton | 40 | 54 |
| Regina | 10 | 37 |
| Winnipeg | 10 | 32 |
| Toronto | 20 | 37 |
| Ottawa | 13 | 26 |
| Montreal | 14 | 26 |
| Quebec | 7 | 22 |
| Fredericton | 14 | 27 |
| Saint John | 13 | 25 |
| Moncton | 17 | 26 |
| Halifax | 25 | 30 |
| Charlottetown | 23 | 28 |
| Sydney | 24 | 33 |
| Yarmouth | 21 | 27 |
| St. John's Nfld. | 20 | 21 |

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says cold air is still flowing into the Maritimes, while moist and somewhat milder air from off the north Atlantic has reached eastern Quebec. This milder air will reach the Maritimes Tuesday, but otherwise not much change is expected in the weather over the district.

Forecasts:

Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick: Variable, cloudiness with widely scattered snowflurries; a little milder; northwesterly winds 20; low-high at Charlottetown 20 and 35; Moncton and Fredericton 18 and 26; Saint John and Edmundston 20 and 35; Campbellton 25 and 35.

Bay of Fundy: Northwest winds 25; cloudy, with scattered snowflurries; visibility 10 miles; low-high at Yarmouth 20 and 35; temperature in the 30s.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2.40 a. m. and 2.05 p. m. Sun rises at 6.00 a. m. and sets at 6.36 p. m.

Ford 1954 Sales Down From 1953

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—Ford Motor Company of Canada Sunday announced sales in 1954 were 459,000, below the record set in 1953.

In a preliminary summary of operations in 1954 sent to company shareholders, the company stated its sales for the year including the overseas operation totalled \$250,325,419. In 1953, the company's sales were \$209,443,029.

Net profit for the year amounted to \$14,243,319, or \$9.58 a share, compared with \$20,029,513 or \$12.07 a share in 1953. Earnings in 1954 were supplemented by a transfer of \$3,000,000 from reserve provided out of income in 1947 and 1948.

The summary said the loss was "almost wholly attributable to the loss of production as a result of strikes and to the diminished demand for trucks in the Canadian market."

The loss in sales was confined to the Canadian market. The value of export sales, \$21,898,807, was almost identical with that of 1953, the summary said.

DIE IN FIRE

EAST CHICAGO, Ind. (AP)—A young mother and three of her four children died Monday in a fire that swept an apartment building. Dead were Mrs. Susie Battle, 20; two boys, James, 4, and Sylvester Jr., 3, and a daughter, one-year-old Shirley Ann.

Surplus Is Forecast For C.N.R. For Current Year

OTTAWA (CP)—The publicly-owned CNR, which has just reported a \$28,758,000 deficit for 1954, Monday presented Parliament with an estimate of a \$600,000 surplus for this year.

The company in its annual budget indicated an expense-slashing program that would cut operating costs by about \$34,500,000 against a forecast drop of \$6,600,000 in its operating revenues.

The budget was tabled Monday in the Commons by Leopold Langlois, parliamentary assistant to Transport Minister Marler, and will be scrutinized by the Commons railway committee later this week.

The company proposed to budget for operating revenues of \$635,000,000 in 1955, compared with an estimate of \$628,500,000 and the actual of \$640,637,000 in 1954.

Operating expenses were placed at \$591,900,000, against last year's estimate of \$643,700,000 and the actual of \$628,485,000.

The 1955 operating revenue would be \$43,100,000 as the result of the expense cuts, compared with the actual 1954 net of \$14,171,000. The 1954 estimate was \$44,800,000.

After other charges including equipment rentals totalling \$11,000,000, the CNR this year would have available \$32,100,000 to cover bond and loan interest amounting to \$31,600,000, leaving a surplus of \$500,000.

Last year the CNR estimated it would have \$31,600,000 available against interest commitments of \$31,400,000. It came up with \$2,481,000 against bond liabilities of \$31,209,000.

In its capital budget for 1955, the CNR indicated it plans to spend \$103,395,000 on new property and equipment and for the acquisition of securities, of which it would require \$36,549,000 in new money from Parliament.

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