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CITY COUNCIL SHOWS \$8,105 SURPLUS FOR LAST YEAR

Eden Submits Plan For Unification Of Germany

Mayor Reviews Highlights Of Civic Administration

Appreciation of the work of the Finance Committee in obtaining a surplus of over \$8,000 on current account, and of the other committees in co-operating in economical administration, was expressed by Mayor J. D. Stewart, in addressing the annual meeting of the City Council last night. The text of the Mayor's report follows:

"As is customary at this time, I will submit for your information a resume of the activities of the Council for the year just closed. During the year, thirty meetings of Council were held.

"The months of January, February and March were somewhat different from past years, in that we did not once have occasion to use any snow fighting equipment, and in consequence, the expense of snow removal was saved.

"Early in the year, your Council made representations to the Provincial Government for financial aid—then again in the Fall, but as yet nothing has been forthcoming.

"Your Council also sent a delegation to wait on the Federal Government, and I am pleased to report that a very substantial increase in the grants was given in lieu of the taxes on Federal property."



Mayor J. D. Stewart

New Attacks By Slasher Are Reported

Approve Contract For NFB Building

OTTAWA, (CP)—The government has approved a Toronto company's tender of \$5,230,000 to build the new headquarters of the National Film Board at Montreal.

Works Minister Winters said Friday night the treasury board has authorized his department to award the contract to the Hardy Construction Company of Toronto, which submitted the \$5,230,000 tender.

The government's decision to proceed with the planned transfer of the film board to the Montreal suburb of Ville St. Laurent follows several months of controversy during which the City of Ottawa asked the government to keep the film board in the capital.

Opposition Leader Drew also has opposed transfer of the Film Board.

URGES PERMANENT FORCE

LONDON, (Reuters)—Arthur Henderson, Labor member of Parliament, suggested Friday that the Commonwealth Division in Korea be retained as a permanent contribution to United Nations defence forces. Henderson's motion will be answered by the government in the House of Commons next week.

Coming Events

- Warner Bros. show Frederickton, January 30th.
- Rummage Sale today 2.30 Trinity Social Hall.
- New Haven variety concert in Cornwall Hall, Friday, Feb. 5.
- Marshfield Presbyterian Church, film "The Hidden Heart," Monday, February 1st, 8 p. m.
- Carnival in Souris Bank, Wednesday, February 3rd. Cash prizes. Judging at 9 p. m. Skate after.
- Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday nights—"About Face" with Gordon MacRae and Virginia Gibson.
- Come to the Crokinole Party in Tryon Baptist Hall, Thursday evening, February 4th. Auxiliaries Y. W. A. Admission 25 cents.
- Queens County Lodge meets in Prince Arthur Lodge room, Crapaud, first 2nd at 2.30 p. m. If stormy, February 2nd day following.
- South Shore Musical Festival meeting, Wednesday, February 3, Tryon Consolidated School. Institutions please see that representatives attend.
- Auto and Farm Supplies, 203 Great George Street, Sales and Service. Complete line of De Laval Milkers, Separators, Water Pressure Systems, Automobile Parts, Oils, Greases, etc.
- Buying pigs Monday at Fredericton; Tuesday: Brookfield 9 a. m.; Milton 10; Charlottetown Market Square 11; York 1 p. m.; Bedford 2; Tracadie 2.30; Mt. Stewart 3. Paying \$30 pair for good pigs over 25 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

Five-Point Deal Introduced At Stormy Session

By DANIEL DE LUCE
BERLIN, (AP)—The West Friday proposed to Russia a five-point "Eden Plan" for unification of Germany.

With American and French support, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden introduced before a stormy fifth session of the Big Four conference a plan for unifying 86,000,000 Germans through free election of a national assembly which would draw up a constitution and negotiate a peace treaty.

The session, which lasted more than four hours, was marked by Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov's failure to keep the Big Four tangled in debate on world disarmament.

Molotov also lost a fight to have East and West German officials admitted to the conference during consideration of the German problem.

Molotov's own resolution for a world conference this year, at London, to deal with the reduction of military forces and control of atomic weapons was put on the shelf until a secret session to be held next week.

At that time the Big Four will also consider a rival resolution by Foreign Minister Bidault of France, introduced Friday, for a disarmament conference under United Nations auspices.

Errol Flynn Sues Italian Firm

TURIN, Italy, (AP)—Errol Flynn's lawyer described him Friday as an "heroic knight, the defender and champion of most noble virtues."

"So naturally, the lawyer said, the dashing movie star couldn't be pictured in an advertisement as tossing down a toast like any old burger."

This came up in Flynn's \$5,000 lawsuit against the Italian vermouth house, "Corpani," which advertises its product with a picture of Flynn, glass to lips. The ad's caption said: "The idol of women toasts Corpani."

Flynn's lawyer told the court the firm never asked Flynn's authorization.

Three Children Burned To Death

SIE, MARCELINE, Que., (CP)—Three young children were burned to death Friday when fire swept their farm home near this village 65 miles north of Montreal.

The victims were identified by police as Esther, 7, Nancy, 5, and Patricia, 3, children of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Savage.

Widow Charged With Murder Remanded

BELLEVEILLE, (CP)—Mrs. Mary Bell, 48, charged with the murder of her husband Percy Warner Bell, was remanded Friday to Hastings county jail for another week.

Mrs. Bell was arrested Jan. 22. Her husband died Jan. 2 and his body was later exhumed. Police suspected he died of poison.

Tropical Cyclone In Path Of Royal Tour Liner

By GOMER JONES
INVERCARGILL, N. Z. (CP)—New Zealanders spruced up for a splendid, though reluctant farewell to Queen Elizabeth today amid reports that a tropical cyclone was heading toward the path her ship would take to Australia.

A weather bureau spokesman at Melbourne, Australia, said the cyclone is expected to hit the Tasman Sea Monday. He said it could kick up heavy seas which would make the final stages of the royal liner Gothic's voyage to Australia "very uncomfortable."

Four ships of the Royal Australian Navy are steaming from Sydney to meet the Gothic in the Tasman Sea Sunday and escort her to Sydney.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, after five event-packed weeks of touring New Zealand, set sail aboard the Gothic after a ceremonial drive and official farewells on the dock.

Elizabeth told the Dominion in a farewell broadcast Friday night, "We have enjoyed every moment of our stay."

She thanked the New Zealand people for their welcome and hospitality and said she and the duke were leaving with sorrow—"But we shall look forward to the day when we shall once more be able to visit our shores."

Thousands waited in the streets outside as she made her broadcast.

Pearson Paints Sombre Picture Of World Situation

OTTAWA, (CP)—The world is still "an unsafe place for the weak, the weary and the unwary," External Affairs Minister Pearson said Friday.

This was his general theme in a review of the world situation and Canadian foreign policy in the Commons' first external affairs debate at this session.

He said that though world tension has eased, Soviet "imperialism" remains and the West must not let down its guard.

At the same time, he announced that Canada has turned down the Indian proposal to reconvene the United Nations General Assembly Feb. 9. Outside the House, officials said Canada's decision was regarded as the "pivotal vote."

Mr. Pearson, leading off the debate before a packed diplomatic gallery, said easing of tension in Europe is due to increased unity and strength in the free world, especially within the North Atlantic alliance.

Good And Bad Signs

Since the death of Stalin, there had been some indication in Russia of a trend "away from the sterile rigidity of Stalinist policy."

There now was more emphasis on collective leadership rather than individual dictatorship.

But though this and apparent Russian stress on increased production of consumer goods seemed to be hopeful signs, there were more factors "stubbornly discouraging." There was nothing to indicate the Russians want to reach reasonable agreements with the West.

Therefore, the West was prepared for a "long haul" in defence.

"The plan is to see that the NATO forces which now exist and which will be strengthened are furnished with the most modern equipment possible, including new types of weapons; that they are given adequate support and are ready to go into action rapidly."

"Effective local defence of this kind, plus the certainty of swift and crushing retaliation, including atomic retaliation from the air, is a defence combination upon which we now rely to the terror of the aggressor."

Mr. Pearson received general applause.

Successful Convention Of Farm Federation Concludes

LONDON, Ont., (CP)—The Canadian Federation of Agriculture wound up its 18th annual meeting Friday after a week of speeches, debates and discussion.

Colin Groff of Ottawa, secretary-treasurer of the 400,000-member body, called it "the most successful convention we have ever held."

Theme of the conference was the two-fold problem of disposal of farm surpluses and stable prices.

Lester B. Pearson, Canada's external affairs minister, said Wednesday that international co-operation is the key to selling surpluses. He approved of emergency shipments to relieve famine but said dumping or "fire-sale" marketing methods will not solve the problem.

H. H. Hannam, elected president for his 14th term, predicted a decline in farm prices this year. He said farmers will continue to be caught in the "squeeze" between low produce prices and high costs.

"Bright" Future

Robert McCubbin, parliamentary secretary to Agriculture Minister Gardiner, predicted a "bright" future for Canadian farmers.

The federation passed a resolution asking the Canadian wheat board to cease using the speculative market for coarse grains. Delegates in Saskatchewan and eastern Canada approved the ban. Manitoba delegates disapproved and Albertans were split.

All approved the work of the wheat board and asked that it be made a permanent part of Canada's national policy.

Another resolution asked for an increase in the floor price of eggs, which is now set by the federal government at 38 cents plus the cost of storage. The federation suggested a floor price of 45 cents for eggs in storage.

A hog committee resolution calling for a floor price for hogs and a program to increase hog quality was approved. The committee forecast a decline in hog prices this year.

Delegates also approved a \$80,000 program of advertising to persuade Canadians to eat more meat. The program will be paid for, if producers agree to set it up, by a levy of five cents a head on all cattle taken to stock yards or packing companies for sale.

The Dairy Farmers of Canada presented a brief calling for government restrictions on margarine to stop its "unfair competition" with the butter industry.

Directors decided the 1955 convention will be held in Edmonton.

To Observe Queen's Birthday May 24

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canadians will celebrate the Queen's birthday this year on Victoria Day, Monday, May 24, it was announced Friday in a proclamation in the Canada Gazette.

Queen Elizabeth's birthday actually falls on April 21, but the date of the celebration in Canada of the sovereign's birthday is fixed annually by order-in-council.

2,360,000 Now Jobless In The U.S.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The census bureau said Friday unemployment in the United States rose by 500,000 in December and January to an estimated total of 2,360,000 jobs.

Employment dropped by about 1,000,000 in the same period and in the week ended Jan. 9, was recorded at 59,800,000 the bureau said.

Unemployment in January is running about 450,000 above the level of a year ago. About 3.8 per cent of workers are unemployed, as against three per cent last year, the figures showed.

Britain, Japan Sign New Trade, Financial Agreement

LONDON, (Reuters)—Britain and Japan signed a new trade and financial pact Friday which will allow Japan to step up their exports to sterling countries of the Commonwealth.

The agreement, completed after seven weeks of negotiations in London, means that certain Japanese goods which have been banned since the Second World War will again be on sale in stores in Britain and some other Commonwealth countries. All will be under a rigid quota.

The goods include textiles, toys, electrical equipment, clothes, pottery, paper goods, lacquer ware and ivory fancy goods. Even Japanese brooms and brushes will come into competition with the British-made article.

There were early signs here, before the pact had had time to make its full impact, that it will provoke strong protest in Parliament and in industry.

The agreement envisages a two-way trade this year between Japan and the sterling area of about \$1,120,000,000 with the balance slightly in Britain's favor.

Japan also has made import concessions to Britain and Commonwealth countries, guaranteeing to buy \$5,600,000 worth of wool and worsted yarns and goods, \$166,000 worth of automobiles, and British oil and movies.

Trade between Japan and the sterling area till now has been based on a 1951 agreement which limited Japanese exports. It left the Japanese with a trading loss of \$280,000,000 in sterling by the end of last year.

Controversial Item

A feature of Friday's pact which some economists believe may provoke serious controversy is a promise by Britain to take up to \$8,400,000 worth of Japanese cotton and rayon grey cloth.

This will be processed in British mills and re-exported, but is expected to be sold in Japan.

Storm Affords Employment To Many In Ch'town

The heavy fall of snow gave employment to upwards of 100 men in Charlottetown yesterday. Early in the morning, the Canadian National Railways, sent a hurry-up order to the National Employment Office for 30 men, and as it turned out more than that number were hired. In addition, many business establishments and private homes called for shovellers, and the demand for snow fighters was brisk throughout the day.

The Local Employment Office reports that the number of people drawing Unemployment Insurance benefits still continues to rise, and the total for the City of Charlottetown, the Royalties, and taking in the countryside within a few miles of the City, has now reached 918. The Office believes that this figure is about near the peak number, to be expected for the year. It is more than 200 above last year's peak.

In the rural sections of King's and Queen's Counties, which territory comes under Local Office administration, there are 1391 drawing benefits. These claimants are made up of residents of Souris, Montague, Morell, Murray River.

Civic Receipts And Expenditures

The auditor's report presented in connection with the Civic Finance Committee statement by Coun. Johnstone showed taxation receipts of \$684,389.92. The latter sum was received as follows: real property \$482,084.97, Personal property \$184,104.95, Poll tax \$18,200.

The various types of license issues brought in \$474.75, rents \$9,061.50; while sundry items of revenue produced \$131,650.49. The biggest single item in this total was the \$42,084.64 received from the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply. The amount also included the city's share of receipts from parking meters of \$5,668.65. Other large sums were the \$30,000 received under the Dominion-Provincial agreement and the \$39,717.50 under the Per Capita grant.

The expenditures for the year totalled \$821,746.01 with the largest amount being paid out on debt charges of \$218,774.14. Next largest was the School Board with \$180,128.41. The protection of persons and property, which included the Police and Fire Departments, cost \$91,688 and general government was \$89,786.45. The Public Works, mainly street maintenance, was \$161,464.82.

The report prepared by the city auditors, H. R. Doane and Company, also carried a covering explanation of the accounting procedures followed and dealt with the various accounts and sinking funds.

It showed that the taxes receivable amounted to \$291,208.05, but from this was deducted an allowance for uncollectible accounts to reduce that part of the assets to \$153,017.34.

Among the liabilities listed was the bank overdraft of \$152,919.54. It is of more than passing interest to see from the report that while the expenditures on the parking meters was only \$2,957.98, the city's share of the revenue was \$5,868.65.

Irving Oil Plans Expansion Program

HALIFAX, (CP)—Irving Oil Company plans an expansion program which will cost "many millions of dollars" at Woodside, across the harbor from here.

J. V. Vanhorne, assistant to the company president, said today construction of large storage tanks and dock facilities at Woodside is only a start on the program.

He also said the company is considering construction of a refinery.

U. S. Air Force Plans String Of Storage Bases

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The U. S. Air Force is planning a world wide chain of storage bases for its special weapons including atomic bombs, it was disclosed Wednesday.

The plan came to light after Senator Francis Case, Rep. S.D. chairman of a Senate armed services sub-committee, announced his group had approved \$11,500,000 for construction of "special weapons" storage.

An unclassified report by the sub-committee said it covers "new increments in the expansion and development of facilities to support the air force atomic energy program at various world-wide facilities."

Case said the projects are to provide "facilities for the use, rather than actual atomic weapons." He added that under existing law only the President can approve the movement of atomic weapons and their actual use.

Case also disclosed approval for spending \$9,656,000 on the chain of air bases of the northeast command stretch from Canada, Ottawa, Montreal, Greenland and on to England and Europe.

Previously more than \$70,000,000 worth of construction on these same bases within the year.

These bases include Harmon Field at Stephenville, Nfld., and Goose Bay, Labrador.

HUNT WITH ARROWS

MEDICINE HAT, Alta. (CP)—The fish and game association here is studying archery as a legal form of hunting in this area. Before enacting archery for hunting, however, the group will obtain the views of government officials.

U.S. Sending Jet Bombers To North African Base

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The United States is sending the first unit of B-47 jet bombers, capable of atomic warfare, to a North African base.

The air force announced Friday that about 45 Boeing Stratofortresses, composing the 301st Medium Bombardment Wing now at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., will fly non-stop to a forward base of the 5th Air Division in French Morocco some time next month for 60 days of rotational duty.

This is the same system used in manning bases in Britain with bombers. A wing remains overseas for two months and then is relieved by another from a home base in the United States.

The wing which will make the Atlantic crossing in small units will be refueled by tanker planes in mid-air, probably somewhere near Bermuda. The distance from Louisiana to North Africa is about 4,775 miles.

Rigid training requirements of the Strategic Air Command specify that within a certain number of hours after reaching a place of overseas deployment, a bomber squadron must take off on a simulated mission. This is part of the world-wide mobility program of the command.

Moving with the bombers will be transports and tanker aircraft. They will carry maintenance men and spare parts.

Finance Chairman Gives Analysis Of Situation

A surplus of \$8,105.65 on current account for the year ending Dec. 31 last was shown in the report of the Finance Committee submitted at the annual meeting of the City Council last night by Coun. Edwin C. Johnstone, chairman of the Committee. Expenditure for the year was \$821,746, against revenue of \$829,851.

The net debt of the City, according to the auditors' report also tabled by Coun. Johnstone, stands at \$2,846,199, an increase in 1953 of \$71,681. This amount comprises debentures payable and bank overdraft, less cash on hand and sinking funds.

Following is the text of Coun. Johnstone's report:

This report of your Finance Committee is, as always, accompanied by the Balance Sheets as at last December 31st, and the Financial Statements for the last fiscal year, prepared by H. R. Doane & Co., City Auditors, from the records of the City Clerk. The statistical reports indicate the City's present financial position and the degrees of success which attended the operation of the business transacted by the City Council during the past year. The report of your Finance Committee, therefore, can only be supplemented by the reports of the City Clerk.

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Claim Success For Fluoridation

BRANTFORD, Ont., (CP)—Reporting on the success of Brantford's nine-year experiment with water fluoridation, Dr. W. L. Hutton, medical officer of health, said Thursday night "hundreds of children have perfect teeth today who would have much decay if conditions of 1944 still prevailed."

In January 1953 the health unit reported that 16 per cent of Brantford school children had perfect teeth, compared with five per cent when the experiment began.



Coun. E. C. Johnstone

Civil Servants Insurance Plan

LONDON, Ont., (CP)—Fred Whitehouse, president of the Civil Service Federation of Canada, said Thursday night that the federal government will bring in a compulsory group insurance plan for civil servants which will give \$1,000 of insurance for 40 cents a year.

He told the annual meeting of the London branch of the federation: "I can't go into details about this scheme. At the moment it is strictly hush-hush."

WOMAN COUNCILLOR

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP)—Mrs. Kay Moffatt is the first woman member of city council here in almost 20 years. She was elected last fall, and took her seat on council this month.



THE GARLIC EATER IS ALWAYS IN BAD ODOR IN SELECT CIRCLES

TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	52b	41
Victoria	23	33
Vancouver	22	39
Edmonton	14b	19
Calgary	11b	16
Regina	13b	0
Winnipeg	8b	1
Toronto	8	27
Ottawa	16b	7
Montreal	15b	6
Quebec	15b	6
Saint John	3b	10
Moncton	0	12
Halifax	10	15
Charlottetown	13	15
Sydney	21	—
Yarmouth	10	17
St. John's	26	34

HALIFAX, (CP)—The weather office here says clearing weather is expected to spread eastward across the Maritimes Saturday, but a disturbance over the Great Lakes is expected to cause increasing cloudiness in the western regions Saturday evening. The outlook is for a light snowfall in all regions Sunday.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island: Clear with a few cloudy intervals and widely scattered snowflurries; very cold; north winds 20 diminishing in afternoon to light. Low-high at Charlottetown five and 12. Outlook for Sunday: Snowy.

New Brunswick: Sunny and milder, clearing over in the evening; light winds. Low-high at Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John five below and 15 above, Edmundston 10 below and 15 above, Campbellton 10 below and 10 above.

Outlook for Sunday: Snowy.

Bay of Fundy: Northwest winds 15 becoming light in afternoon; clear with visibility 15 miles; very cold.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 7.42 a. m. and 5.50 p. m. Sun rises today at 7.36 a. m. and sets at 5.17 p. m.