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Russia Offers U. K. Billion Dollar Deal

Molotov Demands Big Four Get On With Plans For All-German Gov't

By Stanley Priddle
BERLIN, (Reuters) — Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov rejected Thursday the Western proposal to reunite Germany after free elections and submitted to the Big Four a provisional all-German plan for a provisional all-German government created from the present East and West regimes. A British foreign office spokesman later described the Soviet plan as "unacceptable" and said it was difficult to see how the conference now could reach agreement on the German question.

Foreign Secretary Eden, State Secretary Dulles and Foreign Minister Bidault all commented briefly and unfavorably on the latest Soviet proposal. They promised to study it and give further replies today.

But Dulles emphasized he could not approve proposals that seemed to imply "an extension of the system of the East German republic of all of Germany."

He said the note struck by Molotov could be "a very tragic conclusion for this conference to have to end on as far as Germany is concerned."

Consumer Price Index Declines

OTTAWA, (CP) — The consumer price index declined by one-tenth of a point during December to 115.7 from 115.8, reflecting the third consecutive monthly decline in living costs.

St. Laurent Leaves On World Tour

OTTAWA, (CP) — Wearing a sky-blue homburg and natty overcoat with fur collar, Prime Minister St. Laurent Thursday swept away on his around-the-world "bridge-building" mission.

Mrs. St. Laurent, dry-eyed and smiling, waved with a crowd of some 500 as the RCAF C-54 silver airliner trundled away from the Rockcliffe airport terminal and a few minutes later roared into an overcast sky.

The plane took off at 2:53 p.m. EST and landed three hours and 26 minutes later at 6:19 p.m. EST at Goose Bay, Labrador, where it remained overnight before the trans-Atlantic hop to London.

N. B. Potato Shed Destroyed By Fire

GRAND FALLS, N. B., (CP) — Fire blamed on faulty wiring swept through a potato shed owned by Camille Morin and caused damage estimated at \$52,000 Wednesday night. He listed the loss as follows: potatoes, \$20,000; potato bags, \$22,000; building, \$10,000.

Transport Board Ends Grade Crossing Hearings

OTTAWA, (CP) — The Board of Transport Commissioners ended public hearings Thursday in a year-long inquiry into the problem of greater safety at Canada's railway-highway crossings.

The sessions here followed a trans-Canada tour last year, in which the board took evidence in every province. It now will report to the government in line with a 1952 order-in-council directing the study aimed at cutting down crossing accidents.

At its final sitting, three organizations were agreed that the federal treasury should make greater contributions to the government's grade crossing fund. The government now contributes \$1,000,000 a year towards the cost of crossing protection.

Bodies heard Thursday were the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Canadian Good Roads Association and the Dominion joint legislative committee of the 40,000-member railway brotherhoods.

Coming Events

- **Dance in Millview Hall, Friday.
- **Card Party at South Rustico Hall on Friday night.
- **Races on Vernon Ice Saturday, February 6th.
- **Crockinole Party in Wheatley River Hall tonight.
- **New Haven Jamboree in Kings-ton Hall, Tuesday, February 9th.
- **There will be races on Millvale Ice Saturday. If not fine, Wednesday.
- **Oornwall Hall tonight at 8:15. "New Haven Jamboree." See you there!
- **Card party every Friday, St. Peter's Legion Hall, Dance Saturday.
- **Reserve Thursday, February 11, 8 p.m. for "Big Jamboree," West Royalty Hall.
- **Special Meeting Derry L. O. L. Monday night, February 8th. All members please attend.
- **Cherry Valley Jamboree, local talent, Cherry Valley Hall, Friday, February 5th, 8 p.m. in aid of rink.
- **The annual meeting of the Wilshire Dairymen Co., Ltd., will be held in North Wilshire Hall on Monday, February 8th, at 2 p.m. Nelson Hatherley, Secretary.
- **Double header at North River rink tonight: Hampshire vs. Long Creek in sudden death game to break tie; game time 7:30. Winsloe vs. York at 8:45.
- **Showing at "Beils on Stewart Friday and Saturday, "Beils on Stewart" starring Jeanne Grain and Myra Loy. Sequel to "Cheaper By The Dozen." Technicolor Comedy Drama.

Contracts Would Call For Delivery From 1955-57

By Richard Kasalschke
MOSCOW, (AP) — The Soviet Union Thursday offered more than \$1,000,000,000 worth of contracts to British industries for delivery from 1955 to 1957. It was the biggest gesture thus far in Russia's widely publicized campaign to revive East-West trade.

The offer was followed several hours later by the announcement of a British ship builder here that he had signed a separate contract to build 20 fishing trawlers for the Russians for almost \$17,000,000.

First comment from the British board of trade in London said "We welcome any increase in trade with Russia, provided it is within the non-strategic field."

Heavy Equipment

The cash-for-goods Soviet offer of \$1,000,000,000 (\$1,200,000,000) involves varied equipment including tankers, industrial plant, equipment and railroad equipment. It was transmitted by Foreign Trade Minister Ivan G. Kabanov to a delegation of 32 visiting British business men, along with a breakdown of equipment the Russians said they could use.

The British delegation—biggest private enterprise group to visit Moscow since the Second World War—has been conferring with leading Soviet foreign and domestic trade officials to ascertain what goods Britain can sell Russia, as well as possible products for import.

Commenting on the Russian offer, Kabanov said: "Development of trade between the U. S. S. R. and Great Britain would be of mutual advantage to both sides. It would serve also to strengthen mutual understanding and friendly relations between our two countries."

Want Ships, Machines

These were the highlights of the Russian memorandum of goods wanted:

Cargo ships totalling \$125,000,000 including 30 fish carriers; 30 cargo vessels of between 8,000 and 10,000 tons; 20 cargo vessels of 5,000 tons; 30 whalers.

Power equipment worth \$50,000,000 including 110 power stations of 500, 1,000 and 1,500 kilowatts each.

Forging and Pressing Equipment

and machine tools worth \$30,000,000; textile and food processing machinery worth \$30,000,000.

Two floating docks and railway equipment worth \$30,000,000; 150 steam boilers, rolling mill equipment and hydraulic presses for the motor vehicle industry.

Kabanov's memorandum said purchase of raw materials, food and industrial consumer goods "could amount" to more than \$130,000,000.

Farm Dwelling At Pownal Burned

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Acoom, Pownal, was burned to the ground late yesterday afternoon while the owners were in the city on business. Neighbours made an effort to save it but the fire had made too much headway. However, they succeeded in preventing it from spreading to the various outbuildings. The house was in the village near the Jenkins Cabins. It was not learned whether there was any insurance. Mr. and Mrs. Acoom and their two children were staying with neighbors last night.

Turbo-Prop Plane In Crash Landing

LITTLETON-ON-SERVER, Eng. (AP) — Spouting flames from one of its four turbo-prop engines, a giant 100-passenger Britannia airliner crash landed on a river bank near here Thursday. Only one of the 14 men aboard was injured.

The \$800,000 plane, second prototype of Britain's new commercial airliner, was badly damaged. A fuel tank exploded and both wing tips were snapped off. Pieces of the plane were scattered along the river mud for several hundred yards.

Heavy cranes and other equipment were used in efforts to pull the damaged plane to higher ground before the high tides.

The plane was on a test flight. The injured man, a British crew member, was taken to hospital with head injuries and shock.

Twenty-five of the new airliners are being built for the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

Increase Payments For Swine, Sheep

OTTAWA, (CP) — The federal government plans to introduce legislation to increase payments for swine and sheep that have to be destroyed because of contagious disease.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner gave notice of the move on the Commons order paper Thursday.

During last summer's epidemic of hog cholera in western Ontario, legislation under the Animal Contagious Diseases Act limited the amounts payable to farmers in compensation to \$30 for ordinary hogs and \$50 for purebred hogs. Ordinary hogs during the period commanded more money on the open market.

By-elections In Four Federal Ridings Scheduled March 22

OTTAWA, (CP) — Four federal by-elections will be held Monday, March 22, the first of the 22nd Parliament.

The "little general election" in Ontario and Quebec ridings—developed Thursday with announcement of two contests on the same date set earlier for another pair. They will fill all vacancies in the commons.

The announcement by Acting Prime Minister Howe fixed the March date for Quebec's Gatineau riding and Ontario's Elgin. Last month, the same date was chosen for Montreal, Verdun and Peel, Ont.

The Liberals won Verdun and Gatineau at the last general election. Progressive Conservatives were elected to the two Ontario seats.

The vacancies leading to the by-elections announced Thursday were caused by the deaths of Joseph C. Nason, 64, in Gatineau, and Charles D. Coyle, 66, in Elgin.

The Peel seat was opened by the death of Gordon Graydon, 56. Progressive Conservative external affairs specialist, Verdun was left without a member when Paul Emile Cole, 42, parliamentary as-

CCF Motion Is Defeated By 110-73 Vote

OTTAWA, (CP) — A CCF member of Parliament charged Thursday that the post office department is being used as a "medium of political patronage."

Alistair Stewart (CCF—Winnipeg North) made the charge during debate in the Commons on a government measure to increase first-class postal rates by one cent an ounce.

A CCF motion that the legislation be withdrawn and that a parliamentary committee be established to study the increase was defeated by 110 to 73.

Progressive Conservative, CCF and Social Credit members together with Raoul Poulin Independent voted for the motion, which was opposed by the Liberals.

The motion was a substitute for a previous motion by Mr. Stewart asking for a parliamentary inquiry into organization and operation of the post office department. This was ruled out of order by Speaker Rene Beaudoin on the grounds that it did not relate strictly to the bill.

The bill also was opposed by Progressive Conservative and Social Credit speakers.

Say Contributions Sought

Mr. Stewart said the owners of the two drug stores in Winnipeg containing sub post offices had been asked to contribute to Liberal party funds.

The owner of one store had been approached by "one of the prominent members of the Liberal party in Winnipeg."

The owner had been told there was a rumor there might be a change and that "the change could be averted if you could pay me the sum of \$500."

Mr. Stewart said that in north (Continued on Page 11 col. 3)

Royal Tour Crowds At Sydney Break Barriers

By GOMER JONES
SYDNEY, Australia, (Reuters) — Feverishly excited crowds broke through police barriers Thursday night and 150 persons were reported to have collapsed in the crush to see Queen Elizabeth enter a state banquet.

Mounted police backed their horses into the crowd of 75,000 and reinforcements had to be called as the excitement pitch hit a new high on the second day of the royal tour of Australia.

Several persons were taken to hospital, including a teen-age girl who was jammed against the wooden barriers.

The crowds waited until the couple left two hours later.

The banquet capped a full day of activity for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh—and a full day of hard work for police trying to keep the crowds under control.

Earlier a police inspector collapsed and died in the 74-degree temperature while trying to hold back the cheering throng. Several women fainted in the crush as the Queen and Duke drove to the new South Wales state Parliament.

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News In Brief

OTTAWA, (CP) — The government has rejected a recommendation by a Toronto firm of consultants that the 87-year-old post office savings bank be abolished.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The Eisenhower administration won the first round in its fight for higher postal rates Thursday when the House post office committee agreed to raise the cost of mailing first class letters from three to four cents.

OTTAWA, (CP) — The 13th annual meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada will be held at the Seignior Club, Montebello, Que., Feb. 17-18, league headquarters announced Thursday.

ALLAHABAD, India, (Reuters)

The bodies of 181 Hindus were photographed and then cremated Thursday as the "unknown pilgrims" of the religious stampede which killed about 500 persons Wednesday.

SAIGON, Indo-China, (AP) — The French set up a defence arc roughly 50 miles north of Luangprabang Thursday in an attempt to block a three-pronged Vietminh thrust aimed at the Laotian capital. A showdown battle appeared near for control of the city of 150,000.

No New Slashings Reported At Montreal

MONTREAL, (CP) — Police said Thursday there have been no reports of slashings in the last 36 hours following a recent rash of attacks on a dozen women by a razor-blade wielder. Two men were being detained as suspects but police said they doubt confessions the men have made and that at least one of the men is probably a mental case.

Eight Canadian Naval Personnel Receive Awards

OTTAWA, (CP) — Eight members of Canada's train-busting destroyer crews in Korea have received awards for outstanding service, the defence department announced Thursday night.

Seven of the eight citations referred specifically to the close inshore work of the destroyers Athabaskan, Haida and Crusader in destroying Communist gun batteries, supply trains and communications. The heaviest actions took place last spring and summer.

The eight awards bring to 50 the number received by Canadian Navy personnel in the Korean War. Three Canadian destroyers were in the fight from July, 1950, a month after the war started, until the armistice last July 27. They still are on patrol. By a rotation system, eight Canadian destroyers have seen service in Korea.

Europe's Cold Spell On Way Out

LONDON, (Reuters) — Weathermen predicted Thursday night that Europe's worst cold spell in many years is on its way out, but reports of deaths and hardship continued to flow in as temperatures in many areas hung below freezing.

Parisians, numbed by almost two weeks of sub-freezing weather looked forward hopefully to a frost-free week-end. In Berlin the mercury rose to 23 degrees, first sign of a break in the protracted cold but shifting winds are expected to bring more snow soon.

A warm mass of air moving south from Scotland made headlines in British newspapers.

Blizzards swept the north provinces of Greece, and stranded numerous trains and buses outside Salonika. Local authorities appealed to the government to get food and fuel supplies to isolated villages.

The cold wave, France's worst since 1942, is already known to have caused more than 70 deaths. Ports, rivers and canals were frozen solid all over the country.

Athlones To Observe Golden Wedding

LONDON, (CP) — A golden wedding anniversary reception for the Earl of Athlone and Princess Alice has been cancelled. It was announced Thursday. The celebration, scheduled for St. James's Palace next Wednesday, was called off on medical advice. Lord Athlone, Governor-General of Canada from 1940-46, is recovering from an attack of influenza.

Comet Jets To Return To Service

LONDON, (Reuters) — Plans to resume passenger flights of the Comet jet airliners, grounded since an air disaster Jan. 10, were announced Thursday night by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

The Comet flights are due to be resumed early next month after nearly 50 modifications have been made. Service between South Africa and Britain will be the first restored.

All passenger Comet flights were suspended after a Comet plunged into the sea off Beba Island, killing all 35 aboard. Since then the state-owned BOAC has stripped and checked its fleet of seven Comets seeking faults.

Chairman Sir Miles Thomas, in a letter to BOAC's 20,000 employees indicated that the "unhurried and minute" examination so far has uncovered no defects which could have caused the Beba tragedy.

Chicago Has Worst Mad Dog Scare In 20 Years

CHICAGO, (AP) — Health authorities Thursday ordered all dogs in the city vaccinated against rabies.

Shotgun-wielding deputies staged a catch-or-kill hunt for stray dogs.

The twin moves are part of a series of official steps to stamp out the worst mad dog scare in Chicago and Cook county in nearly 20 years.

Dogs and cats have been nipping Chicagoans at a rate of better than 60 a day so far this month and the number rose to 71 in the 24 hours ended at 8 a.m. Thursday. This is twice the rate recorded last month after an anti-rabies quarantine was ordered for the city, requiring pet owners to keep their animals inside or on leashes.

Chicago has had only one human death so far in the current outbreak but scores have received anti-rabies shots and health officials have made public pleas for all exposed persons to come forward to receive anti-rabies shots and prevent "almost certain death."

Gov't Expects No Loss In Collapse Of Garage

OTTAWA, (CP) — Production Minister Howe said Thursday he is satisfied the government will suffer no loss through Tuesday's collapse of a new \$304,000 maintenance garage at the Shearwater naval base near Halifax.

He told the Commons the contractor guaranteed the structure for one year. It was turned over to the navy Jan. 26. The contractor was Eastern Woodworkers, Ltd., of New Glasgow, N. S.

The government was questioned about the collapse by Maj.-Gen. G.R. Peakes, VC, Progressive Conservative military critic, George C. Nowlan (PC—Digby-Annapolis-Kings) and E.D. Fulton (PC—Kamloops).

Mr. Howe, acting prime minister, said the cause of the collapse is not yet known but the government has commissioned consulting engineer K.E. Whitman of Halifax to make an investigation.

He said it apparently was due to the falling of a laminated wood truss, but no one knows how that happened.

Mr. Howe, a construction engineer, said his own personal theory is that there must have been a defect in the fastening between the truss and the walls.

The contract for the truss, he said, had been sublet to a "very reliable" Ontario firm.

It was learned the firm was Timber Structures, Ltd., of Peterborough.

Mr. Fulton asked if, during construction of the garage, an engineering organization had called into the question of laminated wood trusses.

"Not to my knowledge," the minister said. "This form of construction had been used extensively during and since the war."

He told Mr. Nowlan that another contract let to the New Glasgow firm—for a \$428,000 army barracks at Halifax—is not being held up.

This company had done several million dollars worth of construction for the government. It always had been good for any losses.



TORONTO, (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures

Location	Min.	Max.
Dawson	23b	—
Vancouver	33	42
Victoria	41	46
Edmonton	33	47
Calgary	38	47
Regina	21	40
Winnipeg	26	35
Toronto	27	32
Ottawa	23	25
Montreal	28	34
Quebec	27	30
Saint John	33	38
Moncton	30	34
Halifax	37	45
Charlottetown	31	39
Sydney	33	37
Yarmouth	35	43
St. John's	39	42

HALIFAX, (CP) — The weather office here says a disturbance near Yarmouth, N. S., is moving northeastward, bringing some improvement over southwestern part of the Maritimes Friday.

Regional forecasts:

Lower St. John River Valley Overcast; fog and occasional drizzle; rain ending about noon; very mild with light winds. Low-high at Fredericton and Saint John 32 and 35.

Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. Counties, Upper St. John River Valley: Overcast; fog and occasional rain or drizzle ending in the afternoon; very mild with light winds. Low-high at Charlottetown 35 and 40, Moncton and Edmundston 32 and 35.

Bay of Chaleur: Rain and drizzle; very mild; northeast wind 15. Low-high at Campbellton 35 and 35.

Bay of Fundy: Light winds increasing in the forenoon to west 15; fog and occasional rain or drizzle ending in afternoon; visibility near zero improving in the afternoon to 10 miles; temperatures near 40.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:24 p.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 7:29 a.m. and sets at 5:36 p.m.